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NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE
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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Forty-First Annual Report



To Answer the Query:

DOES OUR COMMUNITY USE THE CENTRE?

MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS AND CLASSES: 1,584

Boys: 380

Men: 135

Girls: 744

Women: 325

These members pay a registration fee, and house dues in each club and class that they join.

MEMBERSHIP IN AFFILIATED GROUPS: 280

These organizations pay fixed charges for use of rooms.

ENROLLMENT IN FELLOWES ATHENAEUM BRANCH
LIBRARY: APPROXIMATELY 5,000

The use of reading room and books is free.

SESSIONS PER WEEK: CLASSES 60; CLUBS 16

ATTENDANCE PER WEEK, ALL DEPARTMENTS:
APPROXIMATELY 3,550

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LIBRARY

The Library now has 9,000 volumes available for house use. Included in this number, are 308 books in foreign languages—German, Lettish, Italian, and Spanish. From our own collection of foreign books and a deposit of books from the Boston Public Library, we have been able to meet the need of our foreign members for books in their own language.

We gained 409 adult members and 596 juvenile members, making over 1,000 new members for the year and a final enrollment of more than 5,000. The gross attendance in our reading rooms was nearly 53,000 persons, a gratifying number in view of the fact that the Library is open to the public but forty-two hours a week.

Our circulation during the year amounted to 46,612.

The generous gifts of books and periodicals from friends of Norfolk House Centre have been greatly appreciated by our Library members.

CLARA A. CLARK.

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Nov. 1, 1939

ANOTHER MILE-STONE

Three decades and a little over at the South End Industrial School and a decade at the Norfolk House,—this is our record of service in Roxbury.

In the four decades, we have quadrupled our membership and the number of departments. To our handicraft classes have been added physical training, health education, dramatics and dancing, art and music, clay-modelling, story-telling, Scout work, adult groups of many kinds, and a broad summer program.

From Industrial School to Neighborhood House, from Neighborhood House to Community Centre—these have been the steps in our progress. To-day we have a unique organization, in a strategic location, at the centre of a populous, cosmopolitan district. About us have gathered social agencies, neighborhood societies, and many clubs and classes of children. A great opportunity—a great responsibility! We want increasingly the helpful advice, the active co-operation, and the generous support of friends in Boston and neighbors in Roxbury. Many and various peoples are at our threshold. New Americans are constantly emerging into citizenship through the gates of our community. We are at the Cross-roads—with an open mind, an open door, and an open heart. We would build from Norfolk House Centre open roads into our American life. We would remember our motto, "Better Homes and Better Citizenship."

The outstanding features of the year have been:

A careful attention to the details of class organization.
Successful summer gardens, camp and playground.

Splendid co-operation from our clubs for gymnasium improvements.

A bad fire, which threatened our building, but now proves a blessing in disguise.

An autumn season with many new members, a new woman's club, a new class in the dressmaking department, and four new residents, Mrs. Libby and Miss Gay, Mr. Peter Rose, and Master Francis McLaughlin!

And finally, excellent help from our volunteers. The numbers have decreased slightly—but not the quality of work done. We invite new workers into our intensely interesting service.

FREDERICK J. SOULE.

DEPARTMENTS

The Treasurer's Report shows only the moneys that have passed through his hands. The following Departments have been supported by co-operating churches, societies, or groups of individuals, whose committees or officers have expended the amounts indicated.

Departments	By Whom Supported	Net Expense
Carpentry	South Friendly Society	\$ 370.65
Clay-modelling	Roxbury Alliance	75.00
Cobbling	Arlington Street Church	144.84
Dressmaking	Second Church, Boston	275.67
Gymnasium (Girls)	Private Contributions	573.85
Little Housekeepers	Chestnut Hill Alliance	71.50
Millinery; Music	First Parish Sewing Circle, Brookline	100.00
Mothers' Club	Roxbury Female Benevolent Society .	75.00
Sewing	Milton Alliance, Jamaica Plain Alliance and Friends	204.38
Story-telling	Anne E. Smith Memorial and Private Contributions	99.00
Toy-making	Roxbury Alliance	75.00
Wood-working	Church of the Disciples	146.04
Summer Work	Social Service Council of Unitarian Women	565.12
	Chestnut Hill Alliance (Playground)	100.00
	Kindergarten and Primary Classes, Theodore Parker Memorial Church (Outings)	20.79
Gardens	King's Chapel	200.00
	Social Service Council of Unitarian Women	100.00
	Private Contributions	165.00
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		\$3,361.84
Cooking and Laundry	First Church in Boston (\$400 paid through the Treasurer)	
Dramatics	King's Chapel (\$200 paid through the Treasurer)	
Kindergarten	King's Chapel (\$100 paid through the Treasurer)	
Library	Fellowes Athenaeum	\$5,620.00

AGENCIES HAVING HEADQUARTERS AT THE CENTRE

Boston Consumptive Hospital: Out-patient Nurses
 Community Health Association: Roxbury Branch Station
 Family Welfare Society of Boston: Warren Branch
 Fellowes Athenaeum Branch Library
 North American League for Immigrants: Lettish Secretary, Peter Rose

AFFILIATED GROUPS

Crane Auxiliary, Spanish War Veterans
 Lettish National League
 Lettish Young People's Society
 Miss Warren's School
 Miss Brophy's Dancing Class
 Post 44, American Legion, and Auxiliary (Discontinued December 31)

THE STAFF

Season 1923-1924

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Miss Elise H. Carret, *Supervisor of Arts and Recreation*
Miss Clara A. Clark, *Acting Librarian (Branch of Fellowes Athenaeum)*
Mrs. Maude U. Townsend, *Children's Librarian*
Mrs. Grace Hempstead, *Assistant to the Children's Librarian*

Part-Time Workers

Carpentry: O. F. Chase, L. W. Hurst
Class Accompaniment: Mrs. Blanche D. Akerley, Miss Eleanor Gibbs, Theodore Finnerty, Peter Alemi, Harry Duncan, Charles Pauley
Clay-Modelling: Miss Elsie I. Bearce
Cobbling: George W. White
Cooking: Miss Agnes Benander, Miss Elizabeth Chalmers
Dancing: Mrs. Emma G. Tunncliffe, Miss Laura Ford
Dressmaking: Miss Marguerite S. King, Miss Katharine E. Hickey, Miss Helen MacNeil, Miss Eunice Bennison
Gymnasium for Girls: Miss Edna P. Carret
Kindergarten and Little Housekeepers: Miss Margaret A. Chick, Miss Marion Blodgett
Library: Miss Grace Orr
Millinery: Miss Clara S. Gay
Physical Examinations: Dr. Henry E. Gallup, Dr. Frank B. Littlefield
Piano: Miss J. Annie Dickerson
Sewing: Miss Helen MacNeil, Miss Edith Bates, Miss Amy Ballantyne, Miss Dorothy Ballantyne, Miss Anna E. Finnigin, Miss Ruth Gale, Miss Sarah Hain, Miss Myrtle Kennedy, Miss Ruth L. McLaughlin, Miss Lucy Schalz, Miss Louise Schleehauf, Miss Beatrice Thompson
Story-telling for Boys: Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cronan, Mrs. Margaret W. Powers
Toy-making and Wood-working: John G. Maher
Violin: Miss Alberta Kneeland
Playground: Miss Vivian Milmore, Miss Margaret M. Hughes
Gardening and Canning: Miss Frances S. Rodgers, Miss Helen MacNeil, Miss Gladys M. Rodgers

Volunteer Workers

Clubs: Miss Grace H. Anderson, Miss Dorothy Baker, Miss Eunice Cook, Miss Doris H. Ripley, Miss Margaret Vaughan, J. M. Winder
Cooking: Miss Lillian J. Brownlee, Miss Ruth Francis, Miss Ruth M. Gilmore, Miss Rachael Stone
Dancing: Mrs. Bessie Goldberg, Miss Celia Moore
Dramatics: Miss Mary Ready, Miss Isabel A. Phillips, Miss Margaret E. Scanlan
Drawing: Miss Helen Farley, Miss Marion Ladd, Miss Doris Macker
Girl Scouts: Miss Frances I. Barr
Gymnasium for Boys: B. H. Dunbar
Gymnasium for Girls: Miss Agnes F. Bianco, Miss Mildred N. Smith
Norfolk Songsters: William Howell Reed
Nutrition: Miss Mabel M. Wilcox
Troop 1, Boy Scouts: John E. Wasson
Sewing: Mrs. George B. Haskell
Story-telling for Girls: Miss Margaret Killman

Occasional volunteer service was also rendered by many other workers during the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1923

Receipts

Balances Last Report, a/c Ezra Otis Swift Fund	\$1,000.00	
Andrew C. Slater	112.25	
Cash on hand	1,506.29	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,618.54
Income Norfolk House Centre		5,826.35
Income Invested Funds		2,054.05
Interest on Savings Banks accounts		30.46
Donations—Miscellaneous		10,252.27
Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Inc.		1,500.00
Rummage Sale		1,773.13
Funds and Legacies—Kate Howe Chamberlain		11,430.12
Annie L. Richards		5,000.00
Insurance a/c Fire Loss		*5,992.44
Sale 2M Ry and Electric Co 5s		2,000.00
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		\$48,477.36

*The item of \$5,992.44 is *balance* of insurance money received through fire loss on building, which will be drawn on during the year 1924 for repairs to building necessitated by the fire.

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$12,017.28
Fuel	3,964.39
Gas	511.50
Electric Light	1,047.97
Printing, Stationery, etc.	621.36
Telephone	319.08
Water Rates	248.33
Taxes	410.02
Interest on Loans	730.67
Loans Repaid	8,500.00
Repairs and Furnishings	3,905.78
Sundry Expenses	1,235.32
Insurance	1,502.17
Invested Funds Principal Ezra Otis Swift	1,000.00
Invested Funds Principal Andrew C. Slater	112.25
Invested Funds Principal other investments	10,477.19
Norfolk House Centre Improvements	738.00
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	\$47,341.31
Cash on hand	1,136.05
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	\$48,477.36

(Signed) Edward J. Samson,
Treasurer.

The undersigned has examined the books, accounts and securities of the Norfolk House Centre for the year ending December 31, 1923, and finds them correct with satisfactory vouchers, the balance of cash on hand at that date being eleven hundred thirty-six dollars and five cents (\$1136.05).

The invested funds, having a book value of fifty-seven thousand eighty-three dollars and eighty-one cents (\$57,083.81) are according to the Treasurer's statement of December 31, 1923, subject, however, to loans amounting to sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6500).

(Signed) ALBERT B. MERRILL.

NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

14 John Eliot Square, Roxbury

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Forty-Second Annual Report



A QUESTION OF VALUES

NORFOLK House Centre is devoted to the training of youth and adults in handicrafts, art, music, dramatics, literature, domestic science, physical education, civics, ethical conduct and co-operation.

It maintains its activities during the leisure hours of school children and industrial or home workers.

For the most part its advantages are grasped by those who do not and cannot receive a college education—an exceedingly large percentage in any city population.

When rich opportunities of higher education are being multiplied for the few, it is vitally important that the cultural and social education of the masses receive equal recognition. Democracy requires cultured citizenry as well as trained leaders.

What do we see in America? Each year generous endowments are placed at the disposal of the colleges, while centres of social education and civic apprenticeship devoted to the equipment of the workers and their children, are compelled to depend very largely on the occasional gifts of that vanguard which is to them what our pilgrim forebears were to our first colleges.

Let us to-day balance values.

Why not establish adequate endowments for social and civic centres, where a general training of head, hand and heart can keep pace with classical education and technical training?

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LIBRARY

Branch of Fellows Athenæum

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NATHAN H. DOLE	MISS MARY McSKIMMON
O. M. FARNHAM	WILLIAM HOWELL REED

Staff

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MISS ALBERTA KNEELAND, *Assistant Librarian*
MISS DOROTHY M. HYDE, *Children's Librarian*
MISS GRACE ORR, *Assistant Children's Librarian*

Active Membership: 6,000 children and adults.

Average monthly circulation: 4,000 volumes.

Reading Rooms open daily, 2 to 9 P.M.

Approximate daily attendance: 100 adults; 200 children.

New office headquarters equipped and opened in May.

OUTSTANDING FACTS

In the Activities of Norfolk House Centre

1924

Paid registrations: 381 boys, 744 girls, 143 men, 283 women. Total, 1551.

Enrollment in affiliated groups and societies, 470. Total membership, 2021.

Summer Work

Daily playground for 175 children.

Two-weeks' camp at Manomet for 18 girls.

Five months' course in gardening for 82 children. Awarded second prize in State Horticultural Contest.

Outings in the country for 20 children.

Day trips to City Point, the Public Gardens, Jamaica Pond and Nan-tasket for 75 children.

New Undertakings

Norfolk Young Men's Association established in club rooms provided by the Centre, furnished by the members, and maintained by funds raised by the organization itself.

Norfolk House Women's Club founded for social, civic, cultural and industrial purposes, open to all women in the neighborhood.

Troop 6, Girl Scouts, added to the three existing scout troops.

Extension of folk, esthetic and social dance instruction.

Music Committee formed, consisting of Mrs. William Ellery, Chairman; Miss Grace Collier, Mrs. J. Amory Jeffries, Miss Alice Mills, and Mrs. Sewall Cabot, with the purpose of developing the music department to include advanced pupils. Supervisor of piano instruction, Mrs. Robert M. Currier; violin, Mr. Jacques Hoffmann.

Opening of district headquarters of the North American Civic League for Immigrants, with Mr. Peter Rose as secretary, offering civic service to foreigners.

Holiday Festivities

FEBRUARY 22: Open House party for several hundred parents.

APRIL 19: Patriotic celebration at the start of William Dawes' Ride.

JULY 4: Participation in the Boston Children's Pageant, "The Pied Piper," on the Common.

CHRISTMAS WEEK: Seven parties and entertainments for all children and young people attending the Centre.

DEPARTMENTS

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Departments	By Whom Supported	Net Expense
Carpentry	South Friendly Society.....	\$ 392.75
Clay-modelling	Roxbury Alliance	87.88
Cobbling	Arlington Street Church.....	133.63
Dressmaking	Second Church, Boston.....	261.00
	Roxbury Female Benevolent Society.....	145.00
Gymnasium (Girls)	Private Contributions	566.04
Little Housekeepers	Chestnut Hill Alliance.....	107.32
Millinery; Music	First Parish Sewing Circle, Brookline	100.00
Sewing	Milton Alliance, Jamaica Plain Alliance and Private Contributions.....	291.64
Story-telling	Anne E. Smith Memorial and Private Contributions	87.00
Toy-making	Roxbury Alliance	87.87
Wood-working	Church of the Disciples	45.00
	and Private Contributions.....	105.00
Summer Work	Social Service Council of Unitarian Women	500.00
	Chestnut Hill Alliance (Playground).....	115.00
	Private Contributions (Playground Fence)	75.00
Gardens	King's Chapel	200.00
	Private Contributions	175.00
		\$3,475.13
Cooking and Laundry	First Church in Boston (\$390 paid through the Treasurer)	
Dramatics	King's Chapel (\$207.30 paid through the Treasurer)	
Kindergarten	King's Chapel (\$100 paid through the Treasurer)	
Library	Fellowes Athenæum	\$5,600.00

AGENCIES HAVING HEADQUARTERS AT THE CENTRE

Boston Sanatorium: Out-patient Nurses
 Community Health Association: Roxbury Branch Station
 Family Welfare Society of Boston: Warren Branch
 North American Civic League for Immigrants: Lettish Secretary, Peter Rose

AFFILIATED GROUPS

Crane Auxiliary, S. W. V.	Miss Marian Brophy's Dancing Class
Lettish Benefit Society	Miss Warren's School
Lettish Chorus	Delta Sigma Theta
Lettish National League	Girls' Athletic Club
Lettish Young People's Society	Pierrette Club
Esthonian Social Club	Spartan Club
Miss Elsie Burns' Dancing Class	Algonquin Club

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1924

Receipts

Cash on hand last a/c.....	\$1,136.05
Income Norfolk House Centre.....	6,463.50
Income Invested Funds.....	2,156.01
Interest on Savings Bank Accounts.....	32.74
Donations—Miscellaneous	9,556.94
Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Inc.....	1,500.00
Rummage Sale	833.80
Funds and Legacies—Ellen Vose Smith.....	2,000.00
Sarah D. H. White.....	300.00
a/c Fire Loss.....	4.70
Sale 6 rts Amer. Tel. and Tel. Co.....	25.16
Temporary Loans	9,000.00
	\$33,008.90

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages.....	\$14,057.67
Fuel	4,260.20
Gas	379.62
Electricity	1,129.21
Printing, Stationery, etc.....	433.38
Telephone	315.40
Water Rates	231.35
Taxes	410.02
Interest on loans.....	481.44
Repairs and Furnishings.....	2,327.56
Sundry Expenses	2,209.41
Insurance	1,312.64
Repairs a/c Fire Loss.....	4,389.82
Invested Funds	32.74
	\$31,970.46
Cash on hand.....	1,038.44
	\$33,008.90

(Signed) EDWARD J. SAMSON,
Treasurer.

The undersigned has examined the books, accounts and securities of the Norfolk House Centre for the year ending December 31, 1924, and finds them correct with satisfactory vouchers, the balance of cash on hand at that date being one thousand thirty-eight dollars and forty-four cents (\$1038.44).

The invested funds, having a book value of fifty-seven thousand ninety-one dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$57,091.39) are according to the Treasurer's statement of December 31, 1924, subject, however, to loans amounting to fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500).

(Signed) ALBERT B. MERRILL.

THE STAFF

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Part-Time Workers

Carpentry: F. Oscar Chase, L. W. Hurst
Class Accompaniment: Mrs. Blanche D. Akerley, Miss Eleanor Gibbs, Theodore Finnerty, Joseph Campanella, William Keyes, Henry Thom
Clay-modelling: Miss Elsie I. Bearce
Cobbling: Harry Paretchan
Cooking: Miss Agnes H. Benander
Dancing: Mrs. Emma G. Tunnicliffe, Miss Doris Macher
Drawing: Miss Doris Macher
Dressmaking: Miss Marguerite S. King, Miss Katharine E. Hickey, Miss Helen MacNeil, Miss Edith McIntyre, Miss Ruth Stahl
Gymnasium and Dancing for Girls: Miss Edna P. Carret
Kindergarten and Little Housekeepers: Miss Elizabeth M. Daley, Miss Margaret E. Murray
Millinery: Miss Clara S. Gay
Physical Examinations: Dr. Frank B. Littlefield, Dr. Kathlyne S. Snow
Piano: Miss J. Annie Dickerson
Sewing: Miss Helen MacNeil, Miss Marie E. Celley, Miss Ruth Carpenter, Miss Anna Finnigan, Miss Elsie Haglund, Miss Myrtle Kennedy, Miss Beatrice Thompson
Story-telling for Boys: Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cronan, Mrs. Margaret W. Powers.
Toy-making and Wood-working: Freeman Shepherd
Violin: Miss Mabel Wingate, David Kushious
Gardening and Canning: Miss Frances S. Rodgers, Miss Helen MacNeil, Miss Gladys M. Rodgers
Playground: Miss Helen Marson, Miss Lillian Schenkelberger

Volunteer Workers

Boy Scouts: Troop 1, John E. Wasson
Clubs: Miss Eleanor Morris, Miss Margaret Upson, Miss Esther Winkler, Samuel Zibel, George C. Kealey
Cooking: Miss Sally Betts, Miss Marion Busby, Miss Claire L. Livingston, Miss Marjorie Merrill
Dancing: Miss Helen E. Martin, Miss Evelyn Gruhn
Dancing Accompaniment: Miss Lillian DeVitt, Miss Phyllis Hill
Dramatics: Miss Marion Jones, Miss Margaret E. Scanlan, Miss Annabelle Hunt, Rev. Walter C. Pierce
Game Group: Miss Anne Phillips, Miss Marjorie Edes, Miss Rosamond Vanderwater
Girl Scouts: Troop 8, Miss Frances I. Barr; Troop 6, Miss Grace Hadley
Gymnasium for Boys: Eugene Cremins, Joseph Gaffney
Gymnasium for Girls: Miss Helen Heil, Miss Margaret Herbst, Miss Stephaine Schultz, Miss Mary Louise Wood
Norfolk Songsters: William Howell Reed
Nutrition: Miss Marie Arnold, Miss E. Ethelwyn Gabb
Posture: Miss Muriel Schoff
Sewing: Miss Madeleine Higgs
Story-telling for Girls: Students, Practical Arts High School
Occasional volunteer service was also rendered by many other workers during the year.

Norfolk House Centre

*John Eliot Square, Roxbury
Boston, Massachusetts*

*Forty-third Annual
Report*

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1925



REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1925

WE have completed our twelfth year at Norfolk House Centre, with a program which includes handicrafts, music, art, dramatics, domestic science, physical education, clubs and recreational activities. These efforts, an outgrowth of our thirty-one years in the South End Industrial School, have gradually been expanded to meet the growth and change of the population in and around John Eliot Square.

SOME OUTSTANDING FACTS

Between October 1st and Christmas we enrolled 1,234 persons in our various departments: 253 boys, 600 girls, 112 men, and 269 women. Various adult societies also affiliated with us, bringing our total membership up to 1,744.

During the summer, when our work was largely out of doors—playground, outings and gardening—our membership was 440, mostly children. The demand for our attractive playground was so great that nearly 300 had to be turned away.

New classes in art needlework and elocution were opened in the autumn. The beginnings of a Dramatic Workshop were made. A Senior Girls' Federation was organized, and the club rooms of the Young Men's Association, through the efforts of the members, were reconditioned. The Mothers' Club inaugurated a department of handicrafts.

Three hundred of our neighbors joined with us in an old fashioned game night on Washington's Birthday. Our Roxbury observance of Patriot's Day was made memorable by the visit of Vice-President Charles G. Dawes, who addressed several thousand people from our balcony. On the Fourth of July our boys participated in the City of Boston pageant on the Common. Christmas was made joyous with festivities for 800 children.

FEDERATION

Our federation with the Boston Social Union brought our members into many contacts outside neighborhood life, effecting that widening range of interest which is one of our fundamental purposes. Our handicraft classes exhibited with others in Rogers Building, May 5 to 10. The music students participated in monthly inter-neighborhood concerts. The basketball teams entered a city-wide tournament. Inter-Settlement dramatics and dances, the joint meetings of clubs, an occasional hike, our indoor and outdoor meets, and the annual garden competition at Horticultural Hall, together with scout activities of a general nature, furthered this purpose and gave zest to our local efforts. Our continued federation with the Boston Council of Social Agencies focused our attention on the larger aspects of social work in Boston.

IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR BUILDING

We have added to the attractiveness of our spacious and historic building and have completed some much needed repairs, assisted in no small degree by a new friend of the Centre, Mr. Charles C. Ely.

PRESENT NEEDS

Our plans for further improvements include

1. Grading and fencing a large plot at the rear of our building as an extension of our playground.
2. Sand-blasting the brick exterior of the building and repairing the windows.
3. Completing main floor improvements begun two years ago.

We need the special help of some of our friends in these improvements, in order that our regular resources may all be devoted to our work.

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Miss Elizabeth Jameson

Mrs. Catherine Kinkead

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Miss Elizabeth Staub

Miss Harriet M. Stewart

Dancing

Mrs. Emma G. Tunnicliffe

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Miss Winifred Maiers

Miss Mary C. O'Donnell

DEPARTMENTS

The Treasurer's Report shows only the moneys that have passed through his hands. The following Departments have been supported by co-operating churches, societies or groups of individuals, whose committees or officers have expended the amounts indicated.

Departments	By Whom Supported	Net Expense
Carpentry	South Friendly Society	\$265.20
Clay-modelling	Roxbury Alliance	88.08
Cobbling	Arlington Street Church	106.93
Dressmaking	Second Church, Boston	243.50
	Roxbury Female Benevolent Society	100.00
Gymnasium (Girls)	Private Contributions	458.10
Little Housekeepers	Chestnut Hill Alliance	92.72
Millinery; Music	First Parish Sewing Circle, Brookline	100.00
Sewing	Milton Alliance, Jamaica Plain Alliance and Private Contributions	240.48
Story-telling	Anne E. Smith Memorial and Private Contributions	84.00
Toy-making	Roxbury Alliance	88.08
Wood-working	Church of the Disciples, First Parish Sewing Circle and Private Contri- butions	151.64
Summer Work	Social Service Council of Unitarian Women	500.00
	Chestnut Hill Alliance (playground)	138.00
Gardens	King's Chapel	200.00
	(Private contributions held in reserve)	
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		\$2,856.73
Cooking and Laundry	First Church in Boston (\$365 paid through the Treasurer)	
Dramatics	King's Chapel (\$220 paid through the Treasurer)	
Kindergarten	King's Chapel (\$100 paid through the Treasurer)	
Library	Fellowes Athenaeum	\$5,781.43

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

The following social agencies have headquarters at the Centre:

Boston Sanatorium: Out-patient Nurses
Community Health Association: Roxbury Branch Station
Family Welfare Society of Boston: Warren Branch
North American Civic League: Peter Rose, Secretary

In addition, twelve Roxbury organizations are affiliated with us.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

The Board of Managers acknowledge the personal service of many volunteer workers and others who have given helpful advice in our activities of the year and our plans for the future.

It seemed impracticable to record in this report the names of the many contributors to our General Maintenance Fund, our Departments and our annual Rummage Sale. The list of individuals would far exceed one thousand. In addition there were sixty contributing Clubs, Churches and Alliances. The Managers are grateful for these continued expressions of confidence.

Dramatics

Mrs. Winnifred M. Douglas
Miss Marian Beckley
Miss Ethel E. Mickelson
Miss Marguerite Mitchener
Rev. Walter C. Pierce

Drawing

Miss Mary Brackett
Miss Jennie Brotman
Miss Irene Duntlin
Miss Beatrice Paipert

Dressmaking

Mrs. Katherine A. Bergen
Miss Marguerite S. King
Miss Alice Kingsley
Miss Helen MacNeil
Miss Dorothy Pierce

Elocution

Mrs. Emma G. Tunnicliffe
Miss Evelyn Gruhn

Embroidery

Miss Gladys M. Rodgers

Gymnasium for Boys

Eugene Cremins
Joseph Gaffney
William Smith

Gymnasium for Girls

Miss Edna P. Carret
Miss Margaret E. Rumple

Handicraft

Miss Dorothy A. Hackett
Miss Mildred Trautwein

Kindergarten and Little Housekeepers

Miss Elizabeth M. Daley
Miss Margaret E. Murray

Millinery

Miss Clara S. Gay

Nutrition

Miss Charlotte Stanard
Miss Elise Stanley

Physical Examinations

Dr. A. C. Ormond
Dr. Clinton Wilson
Dr. Kathleyne S. Snow

Piano

Mrs. Robert M. Currier
Miss J. Annie Dickerson

Posture

Miss Eleanor B. Sherman

Sewing

Miss Helen MacNeil
Miss Gladys Rodgers

Miss Helen Belyea
Miss Dorothy Hager
Miss Florence Jarvis

Miss Gladys Kennedy
Miss Muriel Kennedy
Miss Myrtle Kennedy
Miss Ella Loeber
Miss Gertrude Montana
Miss Alice Sutcliffe

Story-telling

John T. Cronan
Mrs. John T. Cronan
Mrs. Margaret W. Powers
Miss Alice Crawford
Practical Arts High School Students

Toy-making and Woodworking

Freeman Shepherd
Violin
Jacques Hoffmann
Miss Mabel Wingate
Mark C. Budd
Alexander Richter

Senior Girls' Federation

Miss Elizabeth M. Daley

Clubs

Warren Babb
Miss Eleanor Beardslee
Miss Dorothy Buckner
Carl Gearey
Miss Dora Ginsburg
Luther Macnair
Miss Mildred Newell
Miss Mary F. Runyon
Miss Elizabeth Russell

Boy Scouts

Lester A. Chadwick
George C. Kealey
Stephen A. Thomas
Albert L. Surrette

Girl Scouts

Miss Frances I. Barr

Norfolk Songsters

William Howell Reed

Games

Miss Florence Bogrette
Miss Eleanor Keane
Miss Mary Maloney
Miss Eleanor McNally
Miss Edith Stout

Class Accompaniment

Mrs. Blanche D. Akerley
Theodore Finnerty
Miss Eleanor Gibbs

Gardens

Miss Frances S. Rodgers
Miss Helen MacNeil
Miss Eleanor Daley
Miss Florence Hawkins

Playground

Miss Elizabeth M. Daley
Miss Janet Macdonald

* Italics indicate volunteer workers.

LIBRARY

Branch of Fellowes Athenaeum

Committee

CHARLES L. DeNORMANDIE, Chairman

NATHAN H. DOLE

REV. MILES HANSON

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MISS MARY McSKIMMON

WILLIAM HOWELL REED

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MISS ALBERTA KNEELAND, Assistant Librarian

MISS DOROTHY M. HYDE, Children's Librarian

MISS GRACE ORR, Assistant Children's Librarian

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1925

Receipts

Cash on hand last a/c	\$ 1,038.44
Income Norfolk House Centre	8,172.17
Income Invested Funds	1,751.37
Interest on Savings Banks Accounts	34.17
Donations—Miscellaneous	9,581.15
" Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Inc.	1,500.00
" Charles C. Ely	1,329.00
Rummage Sale	1,728.73
Sale 1 M United Elec. Sec's. Co. 5's	1,030.00
Temporary Loans	2,500.00
Funds and Legacies—Annie Laura Richards	3,000.00

\$31,665.03

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$13,529.09
Fuel	4,269.46
Gas	308.89
Electricity	1,193.72
Printing, Stationery, etc.	850.59
Telephone	356.13
Water Rates	241.56
Taxes	446.59
Interest on Loans	610.15
Repairs and Furnishings	3,731.57
Sundry Expenses	1,499.35
Insurance	185.65
Invested Funds	1,104.17
Loans Repaid	3,000.00

\$31,326.92

Cash on hand December 31, 1925 338.11

\$31,665.03

(Signed) EDWARD J. SAMSON,

Treasurer

The undersigned has examined the books, accounts and securities of the Norfolk House Centre for the year ending December 31, 1925, and finds them correct with satisfactory vouchers, the balance of cash on hand at that date being three hundred, thirty-eight dollars and eleven cents (\$338.11).

The invested funds, having a book value of fifty-seven thousand two hundred five dollars and fifty-six cents (\$57,205.56) are according to the Treasurer's statement of December 31, 1925, subject, however, to loans amounting to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

(Signed) ALBERT B. MERRILL.

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NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

Apr. 2, 1927.

JOHN ELIOT SQUARE, ROXBURY

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

1926



NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

FORMERLY SOUTH END INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

1883-1927

14 JOHN ELIOT SQUARE, ROXBURY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

*"Let us keep Norfolk House Centre nearer Education than
Charity and let us do nothing that will make it harder
for the neighborhood to find here that self-
dependence and self-expression which alone
can make real our watchword, 'Better
Homes and Better Citizenship'."*

—From an Annual Report of Charles Lunt DeNormandie, President of Norfolk House Centre from January, 1914 until his death in September, 1926.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR
1926

ROXBURY
Press of Progress Printing Co.
1927

CHARLES LUNT DENORMANDIE

A Statement Presented by WILLIAM HOWELL REED, Chairman, at the ANNUAL MEETING OF NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE, held at 14 John Eliot Square, Roxbury, January 20, 1927.

This is more than a routine annual meeting. It is also a memorial anniversary. For the thought that is uppermost to-day in the minds of us all is that our gathering just a year ago was the last general meeting at which Mr. DeNormandie was present. True to his characteristic fidelity to duty, he presided on that occasion in spite of the suffering and ill health to which he was forced to succumb a few weeks later.

It is peculiarly appropriate that the Centre should stand facing the old First Church of Roxbury. For Charles Lunt DeNormandie, who more than any other individual has made our institution what it is to-day, was a worthy son of the noble man who for a generation served so well the cause of organized religion in the historic building across the way. From his father he inherited an unswerving New England conscience, a high idealism and a rare dignity of personality.

His official election to the presidency of the Centre took place almost coincidentally with the removal of the South End Industrial School to the Norfolk House in 1914; but he had served as Vice-President for nine years previous to this, and as Acting President for one year following the death of Miss Louise Howe in 1913.

It was in part to seek an outlet from the cruder and less worthy ethical standards which sometimes faced him in the business and professional world that he turned with enthusiasm to the task of building up a community centre for the betterment of that section of the city in which most of his life had been spent and to which he was deeply attached. To this task he brought geniality of manner, patience in the details of administration and sagacity in financial affairs, as witness the reduction of our debt in twelve years from \$18,000

to \$10,000 and the increase of our endowment from a little over \$25,000 to more than \$60,000.

With him Democracy was no mere catchword, but a far-off ideal to be approached gradually by the opening up of new contacts between groups having widely divergent traditions, standards and racial prejudices. His broad-mindedness expressed itself in a judicial attitude, a readiness to listen with patience to opposing views and a willingness to be convinced.

Perhaps the most striking addition to the work of the Centre within the past few years was the affiliation, on an autonomous basis, of groups of Lettish Americans who seemed ten years ago to be a markedly separate and alien factor in our community life. But this is only one instance of the growing spirit of cooperation which has marked the past decade at the Centre. Increasing interest in adult clubs has further contributed toward the realization of Mr. DeNormandie's hope for "Better Human Understanding."

His place can never be filled. But our long association with him has taught us much and cannot fail to bring to us the incentive to carry forward under new leadership those aims and ideals to which with unfailing devotion he gave us of his best strength.

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1927

Acting President

B. FARNHAM SMITH, 5 Academy Lane, Concord

First Vice-President CHARLES S. BOLSTER

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DUDLEY L. PICKMAN

MISS MARY E. BRADLEE

MISS ADA H. HERSEY

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Treasurer

EDWARD J. SAMSON, 19 Congress Street, Boston

Assistant Treasurer

MISS LOUISA HUNNEWELL, 261 Commonweath Avenue,
Boston

Clerk

MISS MARGARET W. THACHER, 36 Edge Hill Road,
Brookline

Mrs. Karl Adams

Mrs. David Cheever

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Miss Emily D. Furness

Mrs. Robert W. Harwood

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Mrs. J. Amory Jeffries

Miss Elizabeth W. Munroe

Mrs. David P. Page, Jr.

Mrs. W. Rodman Peabody

Miss Anna Peabody Robinson

Robert H. Schacht, Jr.

Waitstill H. Sharp

Mrs. Thomas H. Shepard

Mrs. Henry Pickering Smith

Leonard Ware, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION OF NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

FOR THE YEAR 1927

Adams, Mrs. Karl
Allen, Miss Eleanor W.
Andrews, Clement W.

Bacon, William
Bailey, Miss Ellen H.
Bates, Miss Sara K.
Beaman, Mrs. Harry
Bean, Mrs. Henry S.
Bodge, Rev. George M.
Bolster, Charles S.
Brackett, Mrs. J. C. A.
Bradlee, Miss Mary E.
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd
Brown, Rev. Howard N.
Brown, Joseph T.
Brown, Miss Louise

Callender, Miss Caroline S.
Case, Miss Marion R.
Cheever, Mrs. David
Cotton, Mrs. N. Hugh
Crafts, Wm. F.
Cummings, Mrs. Rebecca H.
Cutler, Miss Anna W.

Davis, Mrs. Lincoln
Denny, Miss Emily G.
DeNormandie, Mrs. Philip Y.
DeNormandie, Mrs. Robert
Dewey, Miss Lucy E.
Dole, Mrs. H. E.

Edson, Miss Mary F.
Eliot, Rev. Christopher R.
Ellery, Mrs. William
Ely, Charles C.
Emerson, Miss Edith
Endicott, Wm., Jr.
Fitz, Mrs. W. Scott

Foster, Alfred S.
Foster, Mrs. Alfred S.
Fowler, Miss Clara M.
Fowler, William P.
Fox, Miss Mary B.
Freeman, Miss H. E.
Frothingham, Mrs. Paul
Revere
Furness, Miss Emily D.

Gray, Mrs. William R.

Hanson, Rev. Miles
Hart, Henry W.
Hart, Thomas N.
Harwood, Mrs. Robert W.
Hayden, Hon. Albert F.
Hersey, Miss Ada H.
Holmes, Rev. John Haynes
Homans, Miss A. M.
Homans, Miss Katharine
Homer, Mrs. Thomas J.
Hooper, Mrs. James R.
Horton, Rev. E. A.
Howe, Percival S.
Humphreys, Clarence B.
Hunneman, Miss Mary Ethel
Hunnewell, Miss Louisa
Hunt, Miss Emma F.
Hutchins, Mrs. John Hurd

Jeffries, Mrs. J. Amory

Kidder, Mrs. H. P.

Lamb, Miss Rose
Langmaid, Miss Bertha
Lauriat, Mrs. Charles E.
Lawrence, Mrs. Ambrose

Lawrence, Miss Ruth
Lockwood, Mrs. Hamilton

De F.

Lucas, Mrs. William H.
Lyding, Rev. Otto
Lyon, Mrs. W. H.

Melvin, Mrs. J. C.
Merrill, Albert B.
Merrill, Mrs. Albert B.
Morison, Horace
Morse, Mrs. Chas. A.
Moseley, Miss Jennie G.
Munroe, Miss Elizabeth W.

Nash, Mrs. Edward W.
Nash, Mrs. Frank King
Nazro, Mrs. Frederic H.
Newhall, Charles Alexander
Norcross, Grenville H.
North, Mrs. Frederick O.

Olsen, Arthur W.

Page, Mrs. David P., Jr.
Park, Rev. Charles E.
Parker, Miss Eleanor S.
Parker, Miss Mary L.
Peabody, W. Rodman
Peabody, Mrs. W. Rodman
Pearse, Miss Alice W.
Perry, Mrs. Arthur P.
Perry, Mrs. Lewis F.
Pickman, Dudley L.
Pickman, Mrs. Dudley L.
Pierce, Miss Louise Q.
Pratt, Mrs. E. F.

Reed, William Howell
Redlon, Mrs. G. F.
Rice, Miss Anne T.
Richards, Miss Alice A.
Richards, Miss A. L.
Richardson, Miss Sarah F.
Richardson, Dr. William L.
Robinson, Miss Anna Peabody
Robinson, N. Winthrop
Rogers, Mrs. Marion D.
Root, Mrs. George H.

Rugg, Frederic W.

Samson, Edward J.
Samson, Mrs. Edward J.
Sawyer, Miss Mary C.
Schacht, Robert H., Jr.
Sears, Miss Edith H.
Sharp, Waitstill Hastings
Shaw, Mrs. Robert Gould
Shepard, Miss Emily B.
Shepard, Mrs. Thomas H.
Shippen, Rev. Eugene R.
Smith, B. Farnham
Smith, Miss Harriet S.
Smith, Mrs. Henry Pickering
Stackpole, Mrs. F. D.
Staniford, Mrs. Daniel
Stevens, Isaac Blaine

Tapley, Miss Alice P.
Tappan, Mrs. F. H.
Thacher, Miss Elisabeth B.
Thacher, Miss Margaret W.
Thaxter, Mrs. Gerald
Thayer, Mrs. C. I.
Thorndike, Mrs. Albert
Tolman, Mrs. James P.
Torr, Miss Grace R.
Towle, Rev. E. D.
Towle, Mrs. E. D.

Van Ness, Rev. Thomas

Walker, Mrs. William H. C.
Walkley, Edward I.
Ware, Leonard, Jr.
Washburn, Mrs. Miles
Waters, John A.
Webster, Mrs. Edwin S.
Weld, Bernard C.
Wetherell, Charles B.
Wheeler, Alexander
Whittier, Mrs. Charles W.
Wilcox, Miss Mabel M.
Williams, Miss Adelia C.
Williams, Holden P.
Wilson, Rev. D. M.
Wolcott, S. Huntington
Woods, Edward F.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

For 1926

Throughout the thirteen years since we moved from the South End Industrial School, we have steadily readapted the Norfolk House to the larger community purposes which came with our change of location and charter in 1914.

A significant step was made this past summer in the enclosure of a boys' playground at the rear of our gymnasium on Norfolk Street. Through several gifts, a fund of \$2354.55 was expended on a permanent wall and fence. An additional \$1500 is needed before July 1 if the plot is made available for the summer program. The need is pressing, as our Eliot Square playground is overcrowded daily during July and August, and should be limited to girls.

In our class program, a modelling studio for adults has been opened. Our general experiments of last winter,—an embroidery class, an orchestra, a dramatic "Playshop," and a game room for boys—have been continued with success. The cobbling and millinery departments have been discontinued. The varied interests,—household arts, manual and fine arts, physical education, the kindergarten, the story-telling, together with the clubs and recreational activities—are sufficient for present needs.

Our facilities have been used regularly by several Lettish societies. Other neighborhood associations have frequently met in our halls, and at intervals large community gatherings, old fashioned dances, plays, musicales, whist parties, and reunions have been arranged by the Centre or some of its clubs. Of the holiday celebrations, the Washington's Birthday parents' night, the Patriots' Day program, and the Christmas parties were of unusual interest. We provided for 900 children and young people during the Christmas festivities.

On July Fourth we again participated in the City of Boston Pageant on the Common, cooperating with Community Service through the Boston Social Union.

In May, after twelve years of service as our boys' worker, Mr. F. X. McLaughlin left for an appointment in the West to be succeeded by Mr. W. H. Hill. In November there came a second break in our staff with the departure for New York of our Secretary, Miss Kathleen Nye, whose place is now filled by Miss Sarah E. MacMillan.

There were few changes among our fifty or more associate workers. The volunteer list, however, has, as usual, many new names, especially the students from the colleges. We desire to emphasize again the importance of the service rendered by these workers, both in classes and in clubs, and to express appreciation of their cooperation.

We continued our policy of conducting lodgings for business and professional women. We now have 25 rooms and suites assigned to this purpose, in addition to apartments for resident workers.

The several social agencies located in our building have continued a useful service in nursing, family case work, and Americanization. The Fellowes Athenaeum has enlarged its library and has fulfilled its broad social purpose in a very unique maner.

Cooperation with community associations and Boston federations in the field of social work has frequently taken our efforts out of their institutional channels and set them upon broader courses of community betterment. It is our distinct aim to effect such exchange of social knowledge and experience as may help Boston solve the problems of community well-being.

FREDERICK J. SOULE,
Director

STAFF

Season 1926—1927

FREDERICK J. SOULE, *Director*

MRS. GRACIA D. LIBBY, *Assistant to the Director*

MISS KATHLEEN NYE, *Secretary to the Director*

(to Nov. 30)

MISS SARAH E. MACMILLAN, *Secretary to the Director*

(after Dec. 1)

MISS HELENA POWERS, *Office Assistant*

W. HOBART HILL, *Boys' Worker*

GEORGE KEALEY, *Assistant Boys' Worker (to Dec. 31)*

Associate Workers

Carpentry

F. Oscar Chase

Cooking

Miss Abbie E. Andrew

Miss Margaret Bennett

Miss E. H. Burr

Miss Mildred Clow

Miss Catherine Nessley

Miss Frances Russell

Miss Lucy Small

Miss Marion C. Standen

Dancing

Miss Elizabeth M. Daley

Mrs. Emma G. Tunnicliffe

Miss Louisa Boyd

Mrs. M. J. Libby

Miss Frances Lufkin

Miss Winnifred Maiers

Dramatics

Mrs. Winnifred M. Douglas

Miss Genevieve Dorothy

Miss Catherine Foley

Miss Caroline Rogers

Miss Ethel Shaperio

Drawing

Mrs. Clara Clement

Miss Amy Rachel Whittier

Dressmaking

Mrs. Katherine A. Bergen

Mrs. Mary Egan

Miss Marguerite S. King

Miss Helen MacNeil

Miss Agnes Chaffetz

Miss Alice Kingsley

Miss Marion R. Normandy

Miss Edith Ridlon

Elocution

Miss Andrina Kenney

Embroidery

Miss Gladys M. Rodgers

Miss Ellen Buckley

Gymnasium for Boys

Harold DeMers

Eugene Cremins

Gymnasium for Girls

Miss Edna P. Carret

Miss Rae Kaufer

Miss Dorothea Mulcahy

Miss Mary G. Stevens

Miss Josephine Schmaltz

Kindergarten and Little

Housekeepers

Miss Elizabeth M. Daley

Miss Margaret E. Murray

Modelling

George M. Aarons
Miss Alice Kingsley
Miss Anna P. Robinson
Miss Dorothy St. Claire

Music Department

Miss Edith Jewell, Director

Piano

Miss J. Annie Dickerson
Mrs. Robert M. Currier

Violin

Miss Mabel Wingate

Orchestra

Miss Edith Jewell

Nutrition

Miss Alice Wilder

Physical Examinations

Dr. Virgil G. Gasten
Dr. Kathleyne S. Snow

Posture

Miss Emelia Nemeck

Sewing

Miss Helen MacNeil
Miss Gladys M. Rodgers

Miss Pauline Bergen
Miss Eleanor E. Daley
Miss Florence Gerardi
Miss Florence Guilford
Miss Clara Hutchins
Miss Alice Kingsley
Miss Gertrude Montana

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Mrs. Margaret W. Powers
Miss Anne Robinson

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Miss Elizabeth M. Daley

Clubs

Leon Goldenberg
John Guinnessy
Moses Lennon
Edmund L. Mann
Robert H. Schacht, Jr.
Robert Sidur
Harry Slater
Robert Waldman
John Ward
Miss Bernice Bulley
Miss Dorothy Downing
Miss Emily D. Furness
Miss Luella Sampson
Mrs. D. A. Sibley
Miss Ruth Thomas
Miss Katheryn Voorheis

Boy Scouts

Eugene Cremins
Lester A. Chadwick
Joseph B. Ethier

Girl Scouts

Miss Frances I. Barr

Game Rooms

Joseph Gaffney
Miss Arline D. A'Hearn
Miss Helen G. Drinan
Miss Frances C. O'Leary
Miss Gladys Vienneau

Class Accompaniment

Mrs. Blanche D. Akerley
Theodore Finnerty
Mrs. M. J. Libby

Visiting

Eleanor Hibbard

School Gardens

Miss Frances S. Rodgers
Miss Helen MacNeil
Miss Eleanor E. Daley

Playground

Miss Margaret E. Meara
Miss Helen Sugrue

Note: Names of volunteers are in italics. Many other volunteers, not having regular assignments, gave occasional service.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive

B. FARNHAM SMITH, *Chairman*

FREDERICK J. SOULE, *Secretary ex officio*

Mrs. Karl Adams	Miss Louisa Hunnewell
Miss Mary E. Bradlee	Mrs. W. Rodman Peabody
Miss Anna W. Cutler	Miss Louise Q. Pierce
Miss Ada H. Hersey	Mrs. Thomas H. Shepard
Mrs. James P. Tolman	

Finance

DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, *Chairman*

Charles S. Bolster	Edward J. Samson
B. Farnham Smith	

House and Grounds

MISS LOUISE Q. PIERCE, *Chairman*

Mrs. Karl Adams	Miss Anna W. Cutler
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ENROLLMENT

From October 19 to December 31, the enrollment in clubs and classes was as follows: 339 boys, 551 girls, 47 men and 222 women: total, 1159. Membership in affiliated groups, 490. Additional summer enrollment, 375 (approximate). Total annual membership, 2024.

AGENCIES

The following social agencies have local offices at the Centre:

Community Health Association: Roxbury Branch Station

Family Welfare Society of Boston: Warren Branch

Milk Fund

North American Civic League for Immigrants:

Peter Rose, Lettish Secretary.

LIBRARY
Branch of Fellowes Athenaeum

Committee

Nathan H. Dole	O. M. Farnham
Rev. Miles Hanson	Miss Mary McSkimmon
William Howell Reed	

Staff

MISS CLARA A. CLARK, *Librarian*

Assistants

MISS ALBERTA KNEELAND
MISS GRACE M. ORR (to April 1)
MISS DOROTHY M. HYDE (to Sept. 1)
MISS MARION RAYMENTON (Sept. 15 to Dec. 31)
MISS EDITH KNEELAND (after Oct. 1)
MISS SARAH SHATTUCK (after Dec. 31)

Statistical Statement

Number of books circulated in homes

Adult 23,960 volumes

Juvenile 23,671 volumes

Total 47,631 volumes

Books in foreign languages circulated in homes, 248 volumes.

Attendance

Adult 24,587

Juvenile 29,129

Total 53,716

Slightly more than 1,000 volumes were added to the library, many of which were given by friends.

399 adults and 503 children, or practically 1,000 members joined the Library, making the total active membership over 10,000.

CLARA A. CLARK,
Librarian

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE

Receipts

Cash on hand last account	\$	338.11	
Income—Norfolk House Centre		7,398.41	
“ —Invested Funds		2,923.28	
Interest—Savings Bank Accounts		36.73	
Donations—Miscellaneous		11,174.27	
“ —Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Inc. .		1,500.00	
“ —Charles C. Ely		616.49	
Legacy—Lulu S. Kimball		3,000.00	
“ —Helen F. Kimball		1,000.00	
Charles Lunt De Normandie Memorial Fund (preliminary gifts)		2,500.00	
Contributions a/c Playground		2,154.55	
Cash a/c Sale of Real Estate		3,000.00	
Rummage Sale		871.05	
Proceeds \$1,000. Un. Ry. G. & E. 5's 1939	\$1,000.00		
12 rts. Amr. Tel. & Tel.	71.81		
\$100. French Gov't. 8's	110.00	1,181.81	
			<u>\$37,694.70</u>

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$13,318.84
Fuel	3,029.18
Gas	389.31
Electricity	1,247.38
Printing, Stationery, etc.	649.16
Telephone	440.40
Water Rates	297.88
Taxes	456.33
Interest on Loans	690.63
Repairs and Furnishings	3,367.36
Sundry Expenses	1,499.45
Class Expenses	1,537.29
Dues	206.67
Insurance	238.72
Invested Funds	1,036.73
Loans Repaid	5,000.00
Playground	2,354.55
	<u>\$35,759.88</u>
Cash on hand December 31, 1926	1,934.82
	<u>\$37,694.70</u>

Note: The preliminary gifts of \$2500 to the Charles Lunt DeNormandie Memorial Fund, under Receipts above, were contributed at the very close of the year as a beginning of a fund of \$10,000 being raised during the winter. This will be in the form of an endowment. In addition, some memorial will be placed at the Centre.

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1926

CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENSES

Jan. 1, 1926 to Dec. 31, 1926

Income

Income—Norfolk House Centre	\$ 7,398.41	
“ —Invested Funds	2,923.28	
Rummage Sale	871.05	
Donations	13,290.76	
Contributions for Playground	2,354.55	\$26,838.05

Expenses

Salaries and Wages	\$13,318.84	
Fuel	3,029.18	
Telephone	440.40	
Water Rates	297.88	
Repairs, Furnishings, etc.	3,367.36	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	649.16	
Gas	389.31	
Electricity	1,247.38	
Taxes	456.33	
Sundry Expenses	1,499.45	
Class Expenses	1,537.29	
Dues	206.67	
Insurance	238.72	
Interest on Loans	690.63	
Playground Expenditure	2,354.55	\$29,723.15

Deficit \$ 2,885.10

(Signed) EDWARD J. SAMSON,
Treasurer

The undersigned has examined the books, accounts and securities of Norfolk House Centre for the year ending December 31, 1926, and finds them correct with satisfactory vouchers, the balance of cash on hand at that date being one thousand, nine hundred, thirty-four dollars and eighty-two cents (\$1,934.82).

The invested funds, having a book value of sixty thousand, one hundred twenty dollars and forty-eight cents (\$60,120.48) are according to the Treasurer's statement of December 31, 1926, subject, however, to loans amounting to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(Signed) ALBERT S. MERRILL

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Contributions not listed in the reports of the Treasurer and the Departments were received from the following sources:

Churches	13
Church Societies	35
Clubs	2
Individuals	429

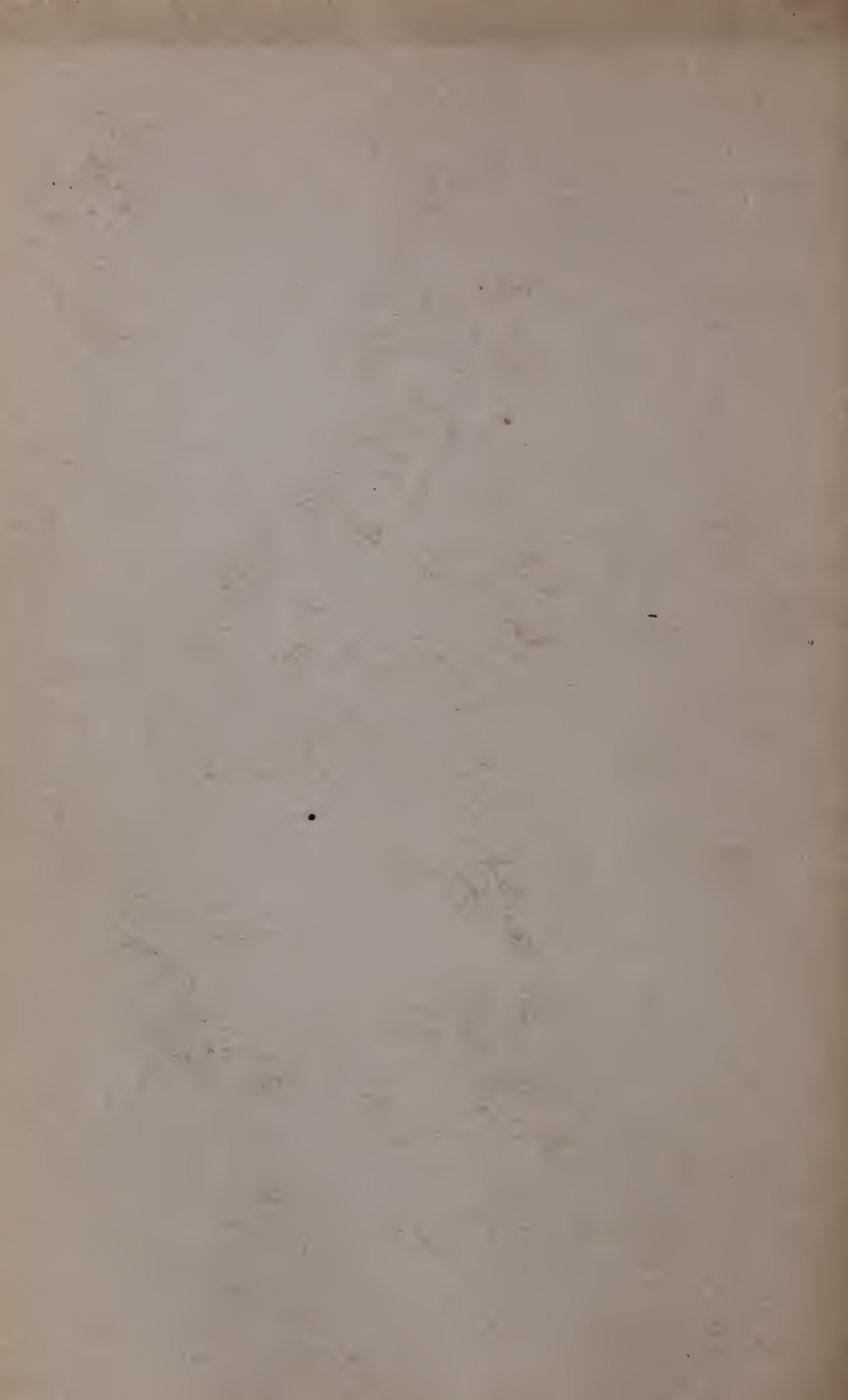
Although unable to include the names of these contributors in the report, the Board of Managers expresses its gratitude for these continued evidences of confidence in the Centre. It also acknowledges many gifts of equipment, and articles for the Rummage Sale in April. To all who have given personal service, the fullest appreciation is extended.

DEPARTMENTS

The Treasurer's Report shows only the moneys that have passed through his hands. The following Departments have been supported by cooperating churches, societies or groups and individuals, whose committees or officers have expended the amounts indicated, through the Norfolk House Centre Holding Fund (to December 31, 1926).

Departments	By Whom Supported	Net Expense
Cobbling (to May 11)	Arlington Street Church	\$ 46.75
Dancing	No Committee. Deficit	22.61
Dressmaking	Second Church, Boston	285.00
	Roxbury Female Benevolent Society ..	200.00
	(Balance \$95 in Holding Fund)	
Embroidery	No Committee. Private Contributions .	37.14
	Deficit	8.04
Gymnasium (girls)	Private Contributions	666.05
Little Housekeepers	Chestnut Hill Alliance	85.76
	(Balance \$320.14 with committee)	
Millinery (to Nov. 1)	First Parish Sewing Circle, Brookline ..	58.42
Music	First Parish Sewing Circle, and	
	Arlington Street Church	41.58
	Deficit	80.62
Sewing	Milton Alliance, Jamaica Plain Alliance,	
	Wellesley Hills Alliance and Private	
	Contributions	341.55
	(Balance \$88.02 with committee)	
Story-telling	Anne E. Smith Memorial and Private	
	Contributions	93.00
Toy-making	Roxbury Alliance	140.80
	(Balance \$91.24 in Holding Fund)	
Woodworking	Church of the Disciples	80.00
	Private Contributions	104.66
Summer Work	Social Service Council of Unitarian	
	Women (\$500) and Chestnut Hill	
	Alliance (\$159 for playground) ...	558.35
	(Balance \$213.08 in Holding Fund)	
Gardens	King's Chapel (\$200) and Private	
	Contributions (\$183.30)	108.05
	Balance \$375.23 in Holding Fund)	
	Total Support Applied	\$2,956.38
	Tuition Fees Applied	2,200.24
	Total Cost of Departments	\$5,156.62
Cooking; Carpentry	First Church in Boston	
	(\$900 paid through Treasurer)	
Dramatics	King's Chapel	
	(\$220 paid through Treasurer)	
Kindergarten	King's Chapel	
	(\$100 paid through Treasurer)	
Library	Fellowes Athenaeum	\$5,500.00

Note: Deficits indicated above are fully guaranteed, except where no committee has assumed support. Three committees are desired to maintain the dancing class, the game room and one intermediate modelling class for 1927.



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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 1927

1928

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF **NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE** YEAR 1927

STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTOR

Norfolk Street Playground

An objective of several years was realized last July in the opening of a playground for boys on Norfolk street at the rear of our gymnasium. A rough, unsightly yard about 120 feet square was enclosed and graded to two levels, permitting simultaneous play for different age groups. Squash ball and similar games were introduced for the first season. Swings and other apparatus are of course desirable and will be installed as additional funds are received. Gifts aggregating \$4,053.17 have so far been expended on this project.

A playground for girls at the front of the gymnasium, in John Eliot square, has been in operation since 1914.

We are now able to offer supervised play to 300 small children, near their homes—a service greatly appreciated by neighboring fathers and mothers.

New Game-Room for Boys

As an extension of our winter activities for boys, a well-equipped game-room was opened on our street floor in January, 1927. Many boys under fourteen who have not previously been interested in such formal activities as woodworking, basketball teams or scout troops, have sought out the Centre for this new privilege and are gradually entering other departments. About fifty can be accommodated at a time. A visit to this new room any early evening—as to the Thursday evening story-hour or the occasional Norfolk Songsters—will reveal the pressure which boyhood enthusiasm puts upon us, and the opportunities for organization which these feeders of our clubs and classes provide.

Stable Interest in Classes

Growing recreational interests at the Centre have in no manner diminished the demand for instruction of the sort offered since the days of the South End Industrial School.

From time to time such classes as cobbling, basketry and cane seating have been discontinued, but modelling, toymaking and others have taken their place. During the year we made little change in our schedule of courses. Throughout nine winter months we conducted 51 junior and 9 senior sessions per week in 22 departments, as follows:

Carpentry	Gymnasium	Toymaking
Cooking	Kindergarten	Woodworking
Dancing	Little Housekeepers	Music:
Dramatics	Modelling	Piano
Drawing	Nutrition	Violin
Dressmaking	Posture	Songsters
Elocution	Sewing	Orchestra
Embroidery	Storytelling	

Paid instructors were placed in charge of these departments, assisted in 10 classes by volunteers secured very largely from the colleges. Small fees were charged for registration, class dues and materials, exception being made in sufficient departments to encourage new interests or provide for even the poorest child. This financial cooperation on the part of our members, coupled with the income from use of rooms on special occasions, brings the neighborhood's part in the maintenance of our work to a gratifying percentage, as the treasurer's report shows. We continue, however, to be dependent in the operation of the classes upon those societies which traditionally have supported the various departments. In fact, the assistance of two additional organizations is desired in the children's dancing class and the new game-room.

Clubs

Our club organization rather naturally falls into two divisions, the permanent senior associations and the more temporary groupings of the boys and girls.

There are three of the former—the Mothers' Club, which a year ago celebrated its 25th anniversary; the DeNormandie Women's Club, formerly the Norfolk House Woman's Club, now four years old; and the Norfolk Young Men's Association, established in 1924.

Of the junior associations, the scout troops have the most stable organization, although the membership itself fluctuates. Troop 17, Boy Scouts, was organized by our staff in 1917, and Troop 1 was admitted to the Centre in 1921. Troop 8, Girl Scouts, affiliated with us in 1921, and a new junior troop has just been organized.

Boys' clubs numbered 6, girls' clubs 9. These associations are chiefly social groups, with athletics a dominant interest for the boys and handicrafts for the girls. Leadership is volunteer, occasionally but not usually extending beyond one year, for which reason no degree of permanence can be expected. Despite this handicap, however, three such clubs have survived several seasons. As a rule these clubs develop strong personal and house loyalties and become helpful to their membership and the community. Extended volunteer leadership would greatly increase the educational and social value of such natural groupings of youth in formative years.

Summer Work Out of Doors

In addition to the playground already mentioned, we conducted children's gardens in cooperation with the Boston Public Schools and arranged a two-weeks camping trip to Manomet for girls, also frequent day outings and weekly storytelling classes. During June seventy children and young people were trained for the City of Boston Fourth of July pageant on the Common, in conjunction with the Boston Social Union and Community Service.

Membership

Members of winter classes and clubs are enrolled annually, beginning in October. Although the enrollment continues throughout the winter, the record at the close of the calendar year is reported as a fair average.

Registration on December 31, 1927: 489 boys, 584 girls, 56 men, 234 women; total, 1363. Membership in affiliated groups, 580. Additional summer membership, 325 (approximate). Total annual membership, 2268.

This does not include the library registration, which greatly exceeds group membership and is reported separately.

The large section of Roxbury which we serve has experienced in recent years a steady influx of various racial groups, especially Lettish, Russian, Ukranian, Esthonian, Italian and Negro, all of which, added to the older populations from Ireland, England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Maritime Provinces have resulted in a thoroughly heterogeneous community. Our membership has changed accordingly, for we plan to serve our neighborhood as we find it without any reservations, religious, racial or otherwise. These changes tax our energies constantly, but they also increase our opportunity for usefulness as a civic force in Boston. Located as we are in the geographical centre of the extended city, near Dudley Terminal, our district is certain for many years to increase in social problems attendant upon a shifting, mixed population. The insistency of this demand for our leadership and service is unquestioned. Our concern is to make our supporting friends realize how strategic is our location and how great is the opportunity which our venture at Norfolk House has increasingly unfolded.

Library

The attractive Library on the street floor of our building, a branch of the Fellowes Athenaeum, is maintained in cooperation with Norfolk House Centre by a joint committee composed of the following members: Nathan H. Dole, Rev. Miles Hanson, O. M. Farnham, Miss Mary McSkimmon and William Howell Reed. The library is permitted some degree of latitude in encouraging the attendance of small children and in assuming a social interest in these boys and girls. It often serves as a first step into affiliation with the clubs and classes of the Centre and in every way proves a most desirable adjunct to the service of the house.

The report of the librarian for 1927 indicated the following facts:

Volumes	11,000 (approximate)
Volumes added	973
Total circulation	49,363
New names enrolled	1,028
Total enrollment	10,000 (approximate)
Attendance	60,478 (adult 29,000; juvenile 31,478)

Affiliated Societies

Roxbury organizations without suitable headquarters or facilities for social gatherings are made welcome at the Centre. Our spacious rooms have made possible this part of our service to the community, and the contacts growing out of these affiliations have invariably proven advantageous to all concerned.

The following societies were associated with us during the year:

Acme Club	Lettish Chorus
Agawam Club	Lettish National League
Algonguin Club	Miss Lyon's School
All Saint's Sunday School	Miss Warren's School
Association	Parker Street Lutheran Church
Bavarian Society	Societies
Esthonian Society	Roxbury Hockey Club
Lettish Benefit Society	Roxbury Patriot's Day Committee

Social Agencies at the Centre

Since 1914 we have made it a policy to house social agencies seeking office facilities. Those now stationed in the building are:

Community Health Association: Eliot Square Branch

Visiting and Maternity Nurses

Family Welfare Society of Boston: Warren Branch

Milk Fund

North American Civic League for Immigrants

Roxbury Branch: Peter Rose, Secretary

Federation

Our workers and board delegates have participated actively in the work of the Boston Social Union and the Council of Social Agencies. The departments of the Union have made possible for our membership such inter-settlement activities as dramatics, music and athletics. By means of these federations we have been able to correlate our work with other agencies in Boston and to interpret our efforts to a larger public.

A Call for Extended Support

At the annual meeting our Acting President, Mr. B. Farnham Smith, indicated his willingness to become President for 1928. In his report to the corporation he spoke of the loyal support of our friends throughout greater Boston over a period of forty-five years and expressed his conviction that a work which has grown so steadily during this long period, adapting itself to the changes in Roxbury, would continue to command the support of the public. He expressed some concern, however, in the necessity of resorting to the use of capital funds to piece out the income received during 1927. He called upon members of the corporation and friends of the Centre to enlist new subscribers, rather than allow the retrenchment of activities so vitally important not only to our large membership but also to the district and the city. He emphasized our traditional interest in "Better Homes and Better Citizenship" and the importance of community education to these ends in a period of almost revolutionary changes both in home life and in civic responsibility.

We look to our tried and proven friends for personal cooperation in extending the support of our work to match the service which we are called upon to render.

FREDERICK J. SOULE,

Director

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STAFF OF WORKERS

Season 1927—1928

FREDERICK J. SOULE, *Director*

MRS. GRACIA D. LIBBY, *Assistant to the Director*

MISS SARAH E. MACMILLAN, *Secretary to the Director*

MISS HELENA POWERS, *Office Assistant*

W. HOBART HILL, *Boys' Worker*

GEORGE KEALEY, *Assistant Boys' Worker*

Part Time Workers

Classes

Class Accompaniment

Mrs. Blanche D. Akerley

Theodore Finnerty

Cooking

Miss Pauline Coleman

Miss Irene Gottholm

Miss Ruth S. Gurney

Miss Jane M. Hope

Miss Gretchen Papen

Miss Margaret Bennett

Miss Mary Brouder

Miss Mildred L. Kennedy

Dancing

Mrs. Emma G. Tunncliffe

Miss Ruth A. Wisentaner

Miss Edith Wickman

Dramatics

Frederick Packard

Rebecca J. Kaufman

Miss Mildred Muldoon

William A. Pallme

Anne R. Soforenko

Drawing

Patrick Gavin

Elocution

Miss Maude I. Bean

Gymnasium

Miss Edna P. Carret
Dr. Clyde H. Landers
Albert Blank
Miss Mary E. MacDowell
Miss Dorothy Packard

Kindergarten and Little Housekeepers

Miss Marion French
Miss Margaret E. Murray
Miss Anna P. Robinson

Manual Training

F. Oscar Chase
Freeman Shepherd

Modelling

George M. Aarons
Miss Alice Kingsley
Miss Dorothy St. Clair
Miss Anna P. Robinson

Music

Miss J. Annie Dickerson
Miss Edith Jewell

Miss Priscilla Simpson
Miss Marion C. Whiton

Needlework

Mrs. Katherine A. Bergen
Mrs. Mary Egan
Miss Marguerite S. King
Miss Helen MacNeil
Miss Gladys M. Rodgers
Miss Dorothea Arnold
Miss Alice Kingsley
Miss Hazel Kingsley
Miss Helen Lord
Miss Frances Pisciotoli
Miss Lydia Repucci
Miss Theodora Sava
Miss Eva Friberg
Miss Elizabeth C. Johnson
Miss Esther Killigrew
Miss Helma Miller
Mrs. Julia Morris

Nutrition

Miss Mary Jordan
Miss Emily Campana

General

Boys' Clubs

Charles Goldenberg
John Guinnessy
Gordon F. Kennison
Edward Mann
William Nyhan
Bruce Pringle
Edward Ward

Boys' Game-Room

Joseph Gaffney

Boy Scouts

Lester A. Chadwick
Joseph B. Ethier
Francis Kealey

Girls' Clubs

Miss Eva Chase
Miss Bernice Gerstein
Miss Lillian Gorman
Miss Leona Gorman
Miss Eleanor Hibbard
Miss Kathleen Kerrigan
Miss Marie H. Schwabe

Girls' Games

Miss Mary Brennan
Miss Christine Callan
Miss Gertrude Grossman
Miss Claire M. Carty

Girl Scouts

Miss Frances I. Barr
Miss Alberta Damon
Miss Faith Smalley

Office

Miss Rose E. Hartnett
Miss Ethel F. Kaiser

Playground

Eugene Cremins
Miss Margaret E. Meara
Miss Helen Sugrue

School Gardens

Miss Eleanor E. Daley
Miss Helen MacNeil
Miss Frances S. Rodgers

Songsters

William Howell Reed

Storytelling for Boys

John J. Cronan
Mrs. Mary W. Cronan
Mrs. Margaret W. Powers

Storytelling for Girls

Miss Frances E. Bove
Miss Jeannette P. Cofran

Visiting

Mrs. Edith I. Whitney

Custodians

James Conboy
Mrs. Katherine J. Foley
John Murray

Mrs. Mary V. Thompson
Thomas Welby
Herbert A. Whittier

Note: Names in italics indicate volunteer instructors or leaders.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS

Contributions to Independent Classes for the Year 1927

The Treasurer's Report shows only the moneys that have passed through his hands. The following departments were supported independently by cooperating churches, societies or individuals. The amounts reported represent the expenses met by committee treasurers or contributions for such expenses paid through the Norfolk House Centre Holding Fund.

Departments	By Whom Supported	Net Expense
Dressmaking	Second Church, Boston	\$ 334.50
	Roxbury Female Benevolent Society ...	100.00
Embroidery	Roxbury Female Benevolent Society ...	50.00
	Private contributions	9.23
Gymnasium (girls)	Private contributions	651.14
Little Housekeepers	Chestnut Hill Alliance	86.70
Modelling	Roxbury Alliance	90.75
Music	First Parish Sewing Circle, Brookline .	100.00
	Arlington Street Church	150.00
Sewing	Milton Alliance	299.25
	Wellesley Hills Alliance	10.00
Storytelling	Annie E. Smith Memorial and private contributions	93.00
Toymaking	Roxbury Alliance	90.75
Woodworking	Church of the Disciples	65.00
	Private contributions	82.74
Summer Work	Social Service Council of Unitarian Women	500.00
	Chestnut Hill Alliance (for playground)	153.00
Gardens	King's Chapel	200.00
	Private contributions	112.00
	Garden committee balance	209.35
Total contributions applied ...		\$3,387.41
Tuition fees applied		1,353.93
Total cost of departments		\$4,741.34
Cooking; Carpentry	First Church in Boston (\$650 paid through Treasurer)	
Dramatics	King's Chapel (\$250 paid through Treasurer)	
Kindergarten	King's Chapel (\$100 paid through Treasurer)	
Library	Fellowes Athenaeum	\$5,760.90

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Jan. 1, 1927 to Dec. 31, 1927

Receipts

Cash on hand last account	\$ 1,934.82	
Income—Norfolk House Centre	6,647.27	
“ —Invested Funds	2,506.45	
Interest—Savings Bank Accounts	38.39	
Donations—Miscellaneous	9,309.50	
“ —Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Inc. .	1,550.00	
Playground Contributions: a/c 1926 income	200.00	
“ “ Committee of the Per-		
manent Charity Fund, Inc. \$750.00		
“ “ Garden Committee of Nor-		
folk House Centre	647.62	
“ “ Miscellaneous	301.00	1,698.62
Rummage Sales (net)	1,205.64	
Charles Lunt DeNormandie Memorial Fund (net)	7,748.50	
Proceeds—\$3,000. Duquesne Light 6's (called)	\$3,150.00	
“ 100. U. S. A. 4¼'s 1942	100.00	
“ 1,000. Elec. Secs. Corp'n. 5's 9th S.	1,030.00	
“ 1,000. “ “ “ 15th S.	1,030.00	5,310.00
Redemption of Note, a/c Sale of Real Estate	3,000.00	
Total Receipts	\$41,149.19	

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$13,256.83	
Fuel	3,154.85	
Gas	331.64	
Electricity	1,185.75	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	630.81	
Telephone	428.32	
Water Rates	312.73	
Taxes	490.00	
Interest on Loans	497.51	
Repairs and Furnishings	2,530.18	
Sundry Household Expenses	958.81	
Class Expenses	1,942.49	
Dues	45.00	
Insurance	1,393.55	
Invested Funds	8,738.39	
Loans Repaid	2,000.00	
Playground Expenditures	1,698.62	
Amounts paid out and charged to General Fund covering		
income on special funds, applicable to prior years	89.50	
Total Expenditures	\$39,684.98	
Cash on hand December 31, 1927	1,464.21	
		\$41,149.19

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENSE

Jan. 1, 1927 to Dec. 31, 1927

Income

Income—Norfolk House Centre	\$ 6,647.27	
“ —Invested Funds	2,492.67	
Rummage Sales	1,205.64	
Donations	10,859.50	
Contributions for Playground	1,698.62	\$22,903.70

Expenses

Salaries and Wages	\$13,256.83	
Fuel	3,154.85	
Telephone	428.32	
Water Rates	312.73	
Repairs, Furnishings, etc.	2,530.18	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	630.81	
Gas	331.64	
Electricity	1,185.75	
Taxes	490.00	
Sundry Expenses	958.81	
Class Expenses	1,942.49	
Dues	45.00	
Insurance	1,393.55	
Interest on Loans	497.51	
Playground Expenditures	1,698.62	28,857.09

Deficit \$ 5,953.39

(Signed) EDWARD J. SAMSON, *Treasurer*

The undersigned has examined the books, accounts and securities of the Norfolk House Centre for the year ending December 31 1927, and finds them correct with satisfactory vouchers, the balance of cash on hand at that date being One thousand four hundred sixty-four dollars and twenty-one cents (\$1,464.21).

The invested funds, having a book value of Sixty thousand nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and sixty-two cents (\$60,932.62) are according to the Treasurer's statement of December 31, 1927, subject, however to loans amounting to Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.).

(Signed) ALBERT B. MERRILL

Charles Lunt DeNormandie Memorial Fund

The receipts for the Charles Lunt DeNormandie Memorial Fund reported above were contributed during 1927. Preliminary gifts of \$2,500 were recorded in 1926, making the total receipts to date \$10,364.50. With the exception of a modest expenditure for the memorial tablet and the framed photograph mentioned in the Director's report, this fund has been added to the invested funds of the Centre, the income to be applied annually to the work of the house. The fund has not been closed, however, as additional gifts are expected during 1928.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENERAL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT AND CHARLES LUNT DENORMANDIE MEMORIAL FUND, 1927

Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. A. H.
Achorn, Mrs. Edgar O.
Adams, Mrs. Karl
Allen, Miss Eleanor W.
Allen, Miss L. M.
Allen, Mrs. Thos.
Alley, Dr. Ernest J.
Anderson, Rev. Sheed
Andrews, Clement W.
Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A.
Andrews, Miss K. H.
Andrews, Miss Persis N.
Anonymous (1)
Arnold, Rev. Harold G.
Atherton, Mrs. E. H.
Atkins, Mrs. Edwin F.
Atkinson, Mrs. E. W.

Babcock, Miss Charlotte F.
Bachrach, Mrs. Louis F.
Backup, Miss Emma F.
Bacon, Mrs. Josiah E.
Bacon, William
Bailey, Miss Edith B.
Bailey, Edward A.
Baker, Alfred T.
Baker, Charles T.
Baker, F. M.
Baldwin, Mrs. J. C. T.
Barker, Miss Emma F.
Bartol, Miss Elizabeth H.
Bartol, Mrs. John W.
Bates, Miss Sara K.
Baxter, Mrs. G. P.
Bayley, Mrs. M. R.
Beaman, Mrs. Harry Clayton
Beaman, Mrs. N. P.
Bean, Mrs. Henry S.
Bean, Miss Mary H.
Beatley, Ralph
Beggs, Mrs. William E.
Bent, Miss Nathalia
Blair, Donald M.
Blake, Mrs. Arthur W.
Blake, Mrs. J. A. L.
Blake, Miss M. L.
Blanchard, Mrs. Fannie M.
Blaney, Miss H. C.
Blinn, Mrs. George R.
Bowles, Miss Frances E.
Brackett, Mrs. J. Q. A.
Bradbury, Mrs. S. Louise A.

*Deceased

Bradford, Mrs. E. H.
Bradlee, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C.
Bradlee, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G.
Bradlee, Miss Mary E.
*“In Memory S. E. B.”
Bradlee, Miss Sarah C.
Brazier, Miss May
Brewer, Miss Fannie R.
Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
Briggs, Mrs. L. P.
Bright, Miss Elizabeth M.
Brooks, Gorham
Brooks, Mrs. Shepherd
Brown, Miss Elizabeth B.
Brown, Miss Mina M.
Brown, T. Hassall
Bullard, Mrs. Laurence
Burdett, Miss Alice A.
Burdick, William W.
Burnham, Miss Mary C.
Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Allston

Caiger, Edward B.
Calder, Miss Dora G.
Callender, Miss Caroline S.
Carpenter, Miss Elizabeth
Carroll, Miss Rosalie
Carter, Mrs. Albert P.
Carter, Mrs. W. W.
Case, Miss Louise W.
Case, Miss Marian R.
Chamberlin, Miss Mary I.
Chandler, Miss Alice G.
Channing, Miss Eva
Chapin, Mrs. Edward F.
Chapman, Miss Martha D.
Chase, Arthur Taft
Cheever, Miss Alice
Cheever, Dr. and Mrs. David
Clark, Miss Mary D.
Clark, Victor S.
Cobb, Mrs. Emily C.
Coburn, Mrs. Arthur L.
Cochrane, Mrs. F. Douglas
Cole, Miss Nellie N.
Coleman, Miss Emma
Comstock, Mrs. William Ogilvie
Condrey, Mrs. Irving H.
Converse, Mrs. C. E.
Coolidge, Mrs. Algernon, Jr.
Cormerais, Miss M. F.
Cotton, Miss Elizabeth A.

Note: This list does not contain the names of individuals contributing to “Departments” as they are known only to the independent committees in charge of such accounts.

Cotton, Mrs. N. Hugh
 Cox, Mrs. William E.
 Crafts, William F.
 Crocker, Mrs. James H.
 Crosby, Miss Addie L.
 Cruft, Miss Eunice M.
 Cruft, Miss Frances C.
 Cumings, Miss Gertrude
 Cumings, Mrs. W. E.
 Cummings, Mrs. Edward
 Cummings, Miss Margaret
 Cunningham, Miss Hester
 Curley, Mrs. M. H.
 Curtis, Mrs. C. H.
 Curtis, Mrs. George W.
 Curtis, Miss Katherine
 Cushing, Miss Susan T.
 Cushman, Mrs. Joseph A.
 Cushman, Roy M.
 Cutler, Mrs. Elbridge C.

Daland, Mrs. Tucker
 Dale, Mrs. Eben
 Dana, Arthur P.
 Dana, Gorham
 Dana, Miss Mary Hurd
 Dane, Mrs. Ernest B.
 Davis, Mrs. S. Warren
 Davol, Mrs. Stephen B.
 Day, Mrs. Herbert M.
 Dearborn, Miss Sarah
 Denny, Mrs. Arthur B.
 Denny, Miss Emily G.
 Denny, Dr. and Mrs. Francis P.
 DeNormandie, Mr. and Mrs.

Philip Y.

DeNormandie, Dr. and Mrs.
 Robert L.

Denton, Miss Susan E.
 Denyven, George W.
 Dewey, Miss Lucy, E.
 Dewson, Mrs. George B.
 Dike, George P.
 Dillenback, Henry B.
 Dole, Mrs. Charles F.
 Dole, Mrs. Herbert E.
 Dole, Mrs. John W.
 Dow, Mrs. Emma A.
 Dugan, Walter H.

Eaton, Frederick W.
 Edson, Miss Mary F.
 Edwards, Miss Hannah M.
 Eliot, Rev. Christopher R.
 Ellery, William
 Ely, Charles C.
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CONTRIBUTING CLUBS, CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES

(See also under "Departments.")

Arlington Street Church

Church of Disciples

DeNormandie Women's Club

First Church, Boston

First Parish, Brookline

Benevolent Committee First Parish
Church, Dorchester.

First Parish, West Roxbury

King's Chapel

Lyon Guild, First Parish, Brookline

Norfolk House Mothers' Club

Permanent Charity Fund

Roxburghe Club

Roxbury Female Benevolent
Society

Second Church, Boston

Social Service Council of Unitarian
Women

South Friendly Society of the South
Congregational Church, Boston

Upper Junior Class, Church of
Disciples

Women in Council of Roxbury

CONTRIBUTING ALLIANCES

(See also under "Departments.")

Arlington: Social Alliance, First Congregational Parish

Augusta (Maine): Channing Guild Alliance, All Souls' Church

Barre: Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish

Bedford: Branch Alliance, First Parish

Berlin: Branch Alliance, First Unitarian Society

Billerica: Branch Alliance, First Parish

Boston: Branch Alliance, Bulfinch Place Church; Dorchester Branch
Alliance, Christ Church; East Boston: Union Circle, Church of
Our Father; Evening Alliance of Greater Boston; Neponset
Branch Alliance (no church); Roslindale Branch Alliance.

Brookfield: Branch Alliance, First Parish

Cambridge: Branch Alliance, Third Congregational Society
 Chestnut Hill: Branch Alliance, First Church
 Cohasset: Unity Club Alliance, First Congregational Society
 Dedham: Branch Alliance, First Parish
 Duxbury: Branch Alliance, First Parish
 Ellsworth (Maine): Branch Alliance, First Church
 Fairhaven: Branch Alliance, Unitarian Memorial Church
 Farmington (Maine): Women's Alliance, First Unitarian Church
 Framingham: Branch Alliance, First Parish
 Groton: Branch Alliance, First Parish
 Hopedale: Sewing Circle and Women's Alliance
 Houlton (Maine): Branch Alliance, Unitarian Society
 Kennebunk (Maine): Branch Alliance, First Parish
 Kingston: Branch Alliance, First Congregational Parish
 Leominster: Women's Alliance, First Congregational Society
 Leominster: Evening Alliance
 Lincoln: Branch Alliance, Unitarian Congregational Society
 Littleton: Branch Alliance, First Unitarian Church
 Middleboro: Branch Alliance, First Unitarian Society
 Needham: Ladies' Aid Society, First Parish
 Newburyport: Branch Alliance, First Religious Society
 North Andover: Branch Alliance, North Parish
 Norton: Church Aid Branch Alliance, First Congregational Society
 Norwell: Ladies' Aid Alliance, First Parish
 Peabody: Ladies' Unitarian Association, First Unitarian Church
 Pepperell: First Parish Branch Alliance, Community Church
 Revere: Unity Circle, First Church
 Sandwich: First Church of Christ Alliance, First Parish
 Sharon: Goodwill Alliance, First Congregational Parish
 Shirley: Branch Alliance, First Parish
 Wellesley Hills: Branch Alliance, Unitarian Society
 West Newton: Branch Alliance, First Unitarian Society
 Weston: Branch Alliance, First Parish
 West Roxbury: Theodore Parker Branch, First Parish
 West Roxbury: Theodore Parker Junior Alliance
 Winthrop: Branch Alliance, First Unitarian Church

Donations

Donations in great number were received during the year for the rummage sale, the new game-room, the library, and various other purposes. The Board of Managers expresses gratitude for these gifts and for all personal services rendered by our friends.

CHARLES LUNT DENORMANDIE MEMORIAL

During the year the Charles Lunt DeNormandie Memorial Fund was established by friends of our late president and a commemorative tablet was placed in the Centre, inscribed as follows:

IN MEMORY OF
CHARLES LUNT DENORMANDIE
VICE-PRESIDENT OF
SOUTH END INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
1905—1914
PRESIDENT OF NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE
1914—1926

HE GAVE TIME AND THOUGHT UNSPARINGLY TO CREATE
IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD A CENTRE OF HAPPINESS
AND INSPIRATION FOR THE UPBUILDING OF CHARACTER

A MAN OF HIGH IDEALS AND UNSWERVING INTEGRITY

In addition, an enlarged photograph of Mr. DeNormandie, suitably framed and inscribed, was hung in the Executive Committee room of the Centre.

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NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

Feb. 13, 1931

JOHN ELIOT SQUARE, ROXBURY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT



ALTHOUGH closely akin to Settlements in Boston and elsewhere, Norfolk House Centre is unique in its half-century of continuous neighborhood service and its rich tradition as a pioneer in vocational education during its earlier years as South End Industrial School.

Its present strategic location in an extensive district also occasions rather unusual features in its civic, recreational and educational activities.

1883-1931

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

WHEN LOYALTY COUNTS

No one needs to be told that the year 1930, resplendent with historic observances, was also a time of great stress for such a community as ours.

We were well aware that we would be called upon to maintain all of our normal activities and in addition, to meet unusual situations. To do this required enlarged resources and extraordinary effort. Would our friends—could they support our venture of faith? This question concerned us deeply, but from the experience of the past, we should have been better assured. The loyalty on which our house and its work have evolved, promptly met the test of emergency. Even from unexpected sources came encouraging support. As a result, we have been enabled to do all that was most essential in our plan for the year.

Our gratitude to our friends can find no adequate expression, but we hope that this testimony may in some measure indicate our sentiments.

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JOY IN ASSOCIATION

From the outset, our enrollments indicated a desire to replenish the satisfactions of every-day life depleted by unemployment. Our house—always a happy, wholesome place—became a well-spring of joy. We have helped by providing a way to achieve happiness in an unhappy time and hope in the midst of discouragement. Often too, like many others, we have done our bit in a material way. But the former fact bears witness to our essentially spiritual purpose, always existent beneath the surface of our efforts.

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CREATIVE WORK

Amidst pioneer drudgery, someone coined the expression, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Amidst modern leisure one might paraphrase, "All play and no work makes Jack a discontented boy."

Solution of the problems of leisure must be found as much in work as entertainment.

We are learning this in our efforts to provide creative avocations. Nor shall we fulfill our function until we have provided facilities for self-development.

Essentially, the human mind demands creative work, both in daily pursuits and in play. To this latter, we particularly dedicate our recreational and hobby groups to give life richness and joy.

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COMMON MEETING-GROUND

Working together, as well as individually is, we learn, essential to democratic society.

This problem sometimes becomes acute in our diverse communities. Racial differences tend toward greater alienation. Creeds and poverty rear other barriers.

We have evolved very concrete ways of bringing people together. This year—each year—shows their efficacy. The Tercentenary pageants helped in this direction. Our facilities for racial groups lend their bit. We report these local accomplishments not as achievements, but as further experience from our laboratory for every normal community to evaluate. We welcome opportunity to report our findings personally.

TENEMENTS VS. OPEN SPACES

Our district in spots looks attractive. Especially is this so when silvery moonlight floods a beautiful shroud of snow. But much is illusion. Old Roxbury mansions surrounded by elms are often a conglomerate of ill-arranged tenements. Many later structures are tinder boxes. Here and there our district has examples of unpardonable housing. What is worse, the ratio of inhabitants often increases with the dreariness of the home. At such points our challenge is most intense.

We report our willingness to join forces with anyone to change this situation.

Meanwhile, we offer our sunny rooms, our playgrounds, our hikes and outings and ask for more shepherds to show the green pastures and still waters.

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AN INDEX TO OUR RECORDS

We have a lurking suspicion that statistics often tell strange tales.

We present these records, extensive as they are, with the reservation that community work cannot be adequately measured mathematically.

Membership

Paid club and class registrations (12 months)	1,842
Members in affiliated societies (approximate)	600
Enrollments in free departments	200
Enrollments in summer activities	500
Normal daily attendance, house groups	350
Sessions per week	130
Library enrollment (approximate)	10,000
Normal daily attendance, reading rooms	250

Types of Educational Activities

Classes in handicrafts, art, music, domestic science, manual training, dramatics, dancing, gymnasium, kindergarten.

Recreational Interests

Boys' game-rooms, Norfolk Young Men's Association rooms, Scouts, story-hours, athletics, choral singing, civic and social clubs, motion pictures, dances, lectures, reunions, musicales, holiday observances. In summer: playgrounds, pageants, outings, gardening.

Other Features

Offices of social agencies, dormitory for working women, halls and rooms for neighborhood meetings.

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OUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

During the winter of 1932-1933 we shall observe our fiftieth anniversary. Someone asked recently if we might not possibly be getting into ruts after so many years. We accept the challenge—and welcome suggestions.

But we know several ruts this very moment from which nothing but generous gifts will lift us.

We hope that our anniversary may be the occasion for establishing several much needed innovations in our work.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1930

Receipts

Cash on hand last report	\$ 2,449.51
Income—Norfolk House Centre	5,644.18
Investments (including DeNormandie Fund)	2,788.98
Donations—Miscellaneous	13,069.36
Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Inc.	
For General Work	1,825.00
For Lettish Work	500.00
For Building Operations	1,000.00
Special Anonymous Contribution for Improvements	5,000.00
Special Contributions for Christmas Parties	112.20
Benefits—Rummage Sale	866.68
Lectures (net)	674.43
Musical	364.70
Interest—Savings Bank Deposits	47.69
Proceeds—Sale 12 rts. American Tel. & Tel. Co.	250.16
Total Receipts	\$34,592.89

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$14,656.76
Fuel	3,115.60
Building Alterations	1,081.87
Repairs and Furnishings (net)	3,143.89
Class Expenses	1,670.65
Sundry Household Expenses (net)	822.13
Federation Dues	363.95
Electricity	1,183.38
Gas	267.80
Printing, Stationery and Advertising (net)	719.08
Telephone (net)	372.82
Interest on Loans	435.88
Taxes	503.04
Water Rates	415.14
Insurance	1,376.34
North American Civic League, a/c Lettish Work	500.00
Invested Funds	47.69
Total Expenditures	\$30,676.02
Balance on hand December 31, 1930	3,916.87
	\$34,592.89

Reserve for Alterations, Special Anonymous Contribution .. \$5,000.00
Borrowed from same for current operations

Balance on hand as above \$3,916.87

(Signed) EDWARD J. SAMSON,
Treasurer

The undersigned has examined the books, accounts and securities of Norfolk House Centre for the year ending December 31, 1930, and finds them correct with satisfactory vouchers, the balance of cash on hand at that date being three thousand nine hundred sixteen dollars and eighty seven cents (\$3,916.87).

The invested funds, having a book value of sixty three thousand eight hundred twenty-two dollars and eighty cents (\$63,822.80) are according to the Treasurer's statement of December 31, 1930, subject, however, to loans amounting to eight thousand dollars (\$8,000).

(Signed) ALBERT B. MERRILL

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Income	1930	Previous Year
Building and Membership	\$ 5,644.18	\$ 5,753.15
Investments	2,788.98	2,915.11
Donations (all purposes)	21,506.56	12,117.93
Benefits	1,905.81	2,833.75
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	\$31,845.53	\$23,619.94
 Expenses		
Salaries and Wages	\$14,656.76	\$14,457.58
Maintenance and Improvements	12,345.07	9,407.65
Office, Telephone and Printing	1,091.90	977.25
Activities	2,565.12	2,258.74
Reserve for Alterations	5,000.00	
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	\$35,658.85	\$27,101.22
 Deficit, Current Account	\$ 3,813.32	\$ 3,481.28

DEPARTMENTS

The following Departments were maintained independently by funds not passing through the hands of the Treasurer:

Department	By Whom Supported	Amount
Dressmaking	Second Church Alliance, Boston	\$364.36
Dressmaking and Embroidery	Roxbury Female Benevolent Society	150.00
Gymnasium (girls)	Private Contributions	530.75
Little Housekeepers	Chestnut Hill Alliance	88.05
Modelling and Toymaking	Roxbury Women's Alliance	175.00
Storytelling	Anne E. Smith Memorial and private contributions	170.00
Woodworking	Church of Disciples	57.55
	Private contributions	74.00
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	Total	\$1,609.71
 Library	Fellowes Athenaeum	5,735.38

The following Departments were maintained by designated funds passing through the hands of the Treasurer and included in his report:

Department	By Whom Supported	Amount
Cooking and Carpentry	First Church in Boston	\$700.00
Dramatics and Kindergarten	King's Chapel	700.00
Music	First Parish Sewing Circle, Brookline	95.00
Sewing	Milton Alliance	100.00
	Sewing School Committee	276.89
Summer Work	Committee for Greater Boston, Massachusetts Committee on Social Service, General Alliance	659.49
Gardens	Garden Committee Contributions	145.00
Playground	Chestnut Hill Alliance	150.00
	First Parish Alliance, Brookline	100.00
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	Total	\$2,926.38

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Although unable in this brief statement to print a list of the contributors to the general expenses of the Centre, the Board of Managers acknowledges contributions from 516 individuals and 109 churches, Alliances and clubs, together with many gifts for the building and the annual rummage sale.

1931

NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

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Forty-Ninth Annual Report

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

PROGRAM OF YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

Clubs

Boys—Troops 1 and 17, Boys Scouts. Cub Scouts. Junior game room, open daily. Social and athletic clubs under volunteer leadership.

Girls—Social and athletic clubs, also emphasizing dramatic and craft activities. Troops 8 and 15 Girl Scouts.

Young Men—Norfolk Young Men's Association, seventh season. Well equipped club rooms, open afternoons and evenings; eighty members. Broad program of interests: civic, athletic, musical, dramatic, social and philanthropic. Christmas Toy Shop. Debating Team.

Young Women—Supper Clubs; social groups; Federation club rooms, open evenings under self-government.

Adults—"Old-timers" and father's division, N. Y. M. A.; Mothers' Club, 26th season; DeNormandie Women's Club, 9th season. Affiliated societies, including Lettish Benefit Society, Lettish National League, Boston Swimming Association.

Classes

Cooking—Girls and young women, eight divisions, graded.

Dancing—Social, folk and tap dancing, all ages. Six groups.

Drawing—Junior and adult divisions, endowed department.

Dressmaking—Expert instruction for girls and women. Four classes.

Embroidery—Elementary class for girls.

Gardens—May to October, cooperation Boston School Committee. 80 children.

Gymnasium—Formal classes in physical education, with three divisions for both boys and girls, 8 to 16 years. Shower baths.

Kindergarten—Pre-school, daily. Saturday kindergarten. Wheelock School supervision.

Little Housekeepers—Small girls, elementary housekeeping through play.

Manual Training—Five graded classes, ages 9 to 18. Toys, boat-models, furniture.

Modelling—Four children's groups. One adult studio class.

Nutrition—Selected children, with medical and nursing supervision.

Sewing—Sewing School on Saturdays, 49th season. 12 instructors.

Music

Piano and Violin—Private instruction to selected pupils.

Choral Groups—Small boys, girls and young women. Also young men's glee club.

Band—Organized by Norfolk Young Men's Association.

Dramatics

- Children's Theatre*—Play acting; frequent productions for junior audiences.
- "Norfolk Players"*—A young people's organization; coaches from Emerson, Tufts and other schools.
- Clubs*—Occasional one and three-act plays, also variety programs as benefits.
- Pageants*—Participation in Independence Day program, Boston Common.

Athletics

- Baseball*—Junior, intermediate and senior teams, Park Department League.
- Football*—Similar divisions. Seniors, city champions, 1931.
- Basketball*—Girls' and boys' divisions, 14 teams in 1931.
- Track*—Novice Road Race conducted April 19, with 110 participants.
- Tumblers*—Frequent exhibitions.

Other Recreational Interests

- Storytelling*—Thursday evening class for boys, 25th season. Occasional groups of girls, under volunteer leadership.
- Motion Pictures*—Saturday afternoons, 150 small children.
- Games*—Active indoor play, regular sessions.
- Playground*—Organized for 300 small children, July and August. Boys' playground open year round, ages 8 to 16.
- Outings*—Scout and club hikes; summer club and playground picnics; two-weeks camp trips, cooperation B. Y. M. C. U. "Country Week."
- Holiday Observances*—February 22, April 19, July 4 and Christmas.
- Socials*—Club and community dances. Miscellaneous entertainments.

Library

- Branch of Fellowes Athenaeum*—Reading rooms, open daily, 2 to 9 P. M. Juvenile and adult. Circulating library 11,000 volumes. 10,000 members. Daily attendance 250.

Federation

- Greater Boston Federation of Neighborhood Houses.
Boston Council of Social Agencies.

Membership

Paid registrations (12 months)	1,860
Affiliated members (approximate)	500
Enrollments, free departments (additional)	200
Separate summer enrollments (free)	500
Sessions per week (winter)	136

Agencies at the Centre

- COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSOCIATION, *Roxbury District*
FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, *Warren Branch*
NORTH AMERICAN CIVIC LEAGUE FOR IMMIGRANTS, *Lettish Office*
SARAH FULLER HOME, *Main Office*

STAFF OF WORKERS

SEASON 1931-1932

Full-Time Staff

Frederick J. Soule, *Director**
Mrs. Gracia D. Libby, *Assistant to the Director**
Miss Sarah E. MacMillan, *Secretary to the Director*
Francis X. McLaughlin, *Boys' and Men's Worker**
Miss Bernardine H. Kern, *Girls' Worker**
Miss Helen Bennett, *Neighborhood and Recreation Worker**
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Miss Virginia Hatch, *Children's Librarian*
Peter Rose, *Lettish Secretary (North American Civic League)**

Part-Time Resident Workers

Miss Francoise Mereminska, *Director of Social Music*
Miss Hazel Morrell, *Domestic Science Instructor*
Miss Ruth H. Spoor, *Dramatic Coach*
George W. Miller, *Modelling Instructor*
Angelo Togneri, *Modelling Instructor*
Patrick H. Hoey, *Assistant, Gymnasium*
Eldred Peacock, *Assistant, Boys' Department*
Mrs. Marguerite Priddis, *Assistant, Girls' Department*
Robert M. Soule, *Assistant, Office*

Part-Time Instructors

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Miss Rita Hurley	Miss Myrtle E. Starkie

Mrs. Blanche D. Akerley, Miss Eva Schlosberg, *Accompanists*
Sewing Teachers from Practical Arts High School

Volunteer Workers

Students from Boston University, Emerson, Garland, Harvard, Leland Powers, Massachusetts School of Art, Simmons, School for Social Workers, Teachers' College, Technology, Tufts, Wellesley and Wheelock. Other workers from the Volunteer Bureau, the Board of Managers, and various Boston and house clubs. Interested friends. Number assigned, winter season, sixty-one.

Custodians

Five on full time.

*Resident.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1931

Receipts

Cash on hand last report	\$3,916.87
Income—Norfolk House Centre	5,111.69
Investments (including DeNormandie Fund)	2,349.93
Donations—Miscellaneous	11,809.41
Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Inc.	
For General Work	1,610.00
For Lettish Work	1,000.00
Benefits—Rummage Sale (net)	346.11
Lectures (net)	306.18
"98% Benefit" (net)	1,101.27
Interest—Savings Bank Deposits	46.13
Proceeds—Redemption \$2,500. Portland Rwy. Lt. & Power 5%— 1942 (called)	2,625.00
Total Receipts	\$30,222.59

Expenditures

Salaries and Wages	\$14,739.49
Class Expenses	2,327.52
Gardens	103.10
Playgrounds	679.76
Fuel	603.40
Sundry Household Expenses (net)	992.23
Electricity	1,224.44
Gas	316.90
Printing, Stationery and Advertising (net)	668.56
Telephone (net)	391.63
Insurance	360.69
Water Rates	442.00
Taxes	513.45
Interest on Loans	405.57
Dues	65.00
North American Civic League, a/c Lettish Work	1,000.00
Improvements, Repairs and Furnishings charged to Reserve for Special Donation, set up 12/31/30	5,000.00
Savings Bank Interest added to Invested Funds	46.13
Special Fund Income paid to Director	62.37
Total Expenditures	\$29,942.24
Balance on hand December 31, 1931	280.35

\$30,222.59

(Signed) EDWARD J. SAMSON, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned has examined the books, accounts and securities of the Norfolk House Centre for the year ending December 31, 1931, and finds them correct with satisfactory vouchers, the balance of cash on hand at that date being two hundred eighty dollars and thirty-five cents (\$280.35).

The invested funds, having a book value of sixty-one thousand, four hundred sixty-eight dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$61,468.68), are according to the Treasurer's statement of December 31, 1931, subject, however, to loans amounting to eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00).

(Signed) ALBERT B. MERRILL

Comparative Summary of Income and Expenses

Income

	1931	Previous Year
Building and Membership	\$5,111.69	\$5,644.18
Investments	2,349.93	2,788.98
Donations (regular)	14,419.41	16,506.56
Benefits (net)	1,753.56	1,905.81
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	\$23,634.59	\$26,845.53
Special Gift for Improvements (reserve)		\$5,000.00

Expenses

Salaries and Wages	\$14,739.49	\$14,656.76
Maintenance and Improvements	5,923.68*	12,345.07
Office, Telephone and Printing	1,087.20	1,091.90
Activities	3,110.38	2,565.12
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	\$24,860.75	\$30,658.85
Reserve for Improvements	\$5,000.00	
Deficit, Current Account	\$1,226.16	\$3,813.32
*Bills Payable (coal)	\$2,128.12	

Departments

The following Departments were maintained independently by funds not passing through the hands of the Treasurer:

<i>Department</i>	<i>By Whom Supported</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Dressmaking	Second Church Alliance, Boston	\$316.25
Dressmaking and Embroidery	Roxbury Female Benevolent Society	150.00
Gymnasium (girls)	Private Contributions	602.45
Storytelling	Anne E. Smith Memorial and private contributions	145.00
Woodworking	Church of Disciples	71.82
	Private Contributions	87.00
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	Total	\$1,372.52
Library	Fellowes Athenaeum	\$5,487.27

The following Departments were maintained in part by designated funds passing through the hands of the Treasurer and included in his report:

<i>Department</i>	<i>By Whom Supported</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Cooking and Carpentry	First Church in Boston	\$400.00
Dramatics and Kindergarten	King's Chapel	600.00
Girls' Work	Arlington Street Church	200.00
	Private Contributions	100.00
Little Housekeepers	Chestnut Hill Alliance	274.95
Modelling and Toymaking	Roxbury Women's Alliance	175.00
Music	First Parish Sewing Circle, Brookline	100.00
Sewing	Milton Alliance	100.00
	Sewing School Committee	221.51
Summer Work	Alliances of Greater Boston and private contributions	364.76
Playground	Chestnut Hill Alliance	150.00
	First Parish Alliance, Brookline	65.00
	Concord (Mass.) Sunday School	100.00
Gardens	Private Contributions	103.10
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	Total	\$2,954.32

Acknowledgment

Although unable in this brief statement to print a list of the contributors to the general expenses of the Centre, the Board of Managers acknowledges contributions from 624 individuals and 107 churches, Alliances and clubs, together with many gifts for the building and the annual rummage sale.

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MISS SARAH E. MACMILLAN, *Secretary*

OTHER WORKERS

Residents: 15
Leaders and Assistants: 26

Volunteers: 98
Custodians: 5

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1934

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

SOUTH END INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, NOVEMBER 20, 1884

NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE, JANUARY 1, 1914

A HALF century of uninterrupted service in Roxbury makes this, our Golden Jubilee, an occasion for rejoicing. Our Centre stands today as a monument to those who have gone and a priceless heritage to all who now share its life.

Almost at the moment when Toynbee Hall in London was being founded by Rev. S. A. Barnett and Arnold Toynbee as the first of the University Settlements, South End Industrial School, after two years of organization, was incorporated in November, 1884 as one of our earliest American neighborhood houses, with special attention given to industrial classes.

Like all Settlements here and abroad it has, throughout the years, cherished its own genius of pioneering, ever free to experiment, always adapting itself to its district, that out of its experience might come not only "Better Homes and Better Citizenship," but a keener understanding of democracy and a more vital urge to solving the problems of a city-swelling civilization.

When vocational education, to which it made an original contribution, had become a part of our public school system, the house broadened its program of recreation and community leadership. It was this larger effort which necessitated moving into the time-honored Norfolk House in 1914, where its neighborhood associations have so expanded in two decades that the Centre has become a great laboratory for the shaping of social patterns—patterns of human conduct in boys and girls, in families, and local organizations, until today our house is part of the warp and woof of our social fabric.

In our records are to be found the proudest names of old New England and the characteristic names of New America—all kin in a common achievement which has been the goal of Settlements since their beginning in England, on the Continent or here in America. Two names stand out in relief, Mary Louise Hall (died 1884), founder of the School, and Charles Lunt DeNormandie (died 1926), leader of the effort to acquire the Norfolk House.

Our present Mothers' Club is the oldest of our adult organizations. Certain classes, like sewing, dressmaking, carpentry and Little Housekeepers, have met regularly for nearly fifty-two years. Children's children now come to our daily sessions. Many former members have become leaders in music, the arts, education and business. Many neighborhood boys have stepped from our volunteer rolls into social service fields.

A very personal, human spirit prevails within our walls. A broad humanitarian sympathy constantly radiates from our group life. Our Centre is a real factor in our city and beyond. Experience here declares that there is something eternally vital in an enterprise which is interwoven with neighborhood life.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

CLASSES

Pre-School Kindergarten: daily, 9 to 12 A.M., under direction of Wheelock School. Limited to 30 children.

Saturday Kindergarten: for pupils attending neighboring kindergartens during the week.

Little Housekeepers: 3 sessions per week; girls 6 to 10 years of age. Class uses toy equipment.

Dancing School: rhythmic, folk and tap dancing; 200 girls.

Music School: piano and violin lessons; choral groups. Public Sunday concerts by guest artists. Children's recitals.

Marionettes: for boys and girls; constructing miniature stage-sets; writing and reading of juvenile plays. Entertainments arranged in and near Boston.

Drawing Classes: design, water-colors, masks and art projects. Prepared miniature of John Eliot Square for exhibition by Emergency Campaign of 1935.

Modelling Classes: original designs in clay; casting. All ages.

Cooking School: daily classes on homemaking basis.

Nutrition Class: for undernourished children.

Woodworking (boys): boat models, toys and furniture for home use. Class serves vocational purpose.

Dramatics: original and classic plays; pageants; stagecraft.

Gymnasium: formal and informal groups; games; exhibitions.

Sewing School: elementary instruction in small groups.

Dressmaking: advanced work on garments for home use.

Embroidery: linens for home decoration.

Leatherwork: Projects suitable for small boys.

Gardening: full five-months' training in two gardens. 80 pupils.

Prize winners in Massachusetts Horticultural Society competitions. This class one of the first of its kind in Boston.

Educational Visits: museums and places of historic interest.

Library: juvenile division, with children's reading room.

JUNIOR RECREATION

Story-telling hours, several each week.

Motion pictures, weekly, for small children.

Game-room and play groups, supervised by student volunteers.

Playground sessions (May to October), three playgrounds.

Hikes, outings, camping trips in cooperation with "Country Week," Y. M. C. A. and other societies.

Holiday festivities, featuring Patroit's Day, July Fourth and Christmas.

Play-street activities.

CHILDREN'S CLUB ORGANIZATION

Social, dramatic, athletic and craft clubs, under trained leaders.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts.

Teams for outdoor sports, in season. "Tumblers" a special feature.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

INSTRUCTION

Dressmaking for older girls and women. Advanced work.

Domestic Science courses; "Supper Clubs."

Modelling and drawing, mixed groups.

Stagecraft, "make-up" and dramatic productions.

Social dancing.

Piano, Violin, Choral singing.

Home Nursing: cooperation of Red Cross.

CLUBS UNDER HOUSE DIRECTION

Norfolk Young Men's Association: club rooms open daily. Special interests: debating, glee club singing, pool and bowling tournaments, baseball, basketball, track and long-distance running; Christmas Toy-Shop for repairing and distributing toys; civic service.

Federation of Senior Girls' Clubs: recreational rooms, open daily, with direction in joint club activities, athletic, social, dramatic and civic.

Eliot Club: young women's society.

Mothers' Club: organized in 1906.

DeNormandie Club (organized in 1924): industrial projects, lectures, musicales, sociables and cooperation in neighborhood efforts.

Wednesday Group: informal meeting for women of neighborhood. Supervision of small children arranged during meetings.

Rover Crew: with indoor log-cabin or "Den," a club project.

Norfolk House Men's Club: informal gatherings for men, with smokers, addresses and entertainment provided in the gymnasium for occasional large gatherings.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Jeffersonian Club: large organization of women.

Radio Club: for amateur short-wave operators, Station WIGFH.

Lettish Benefit Society: mutual benefit association for Latvians. Twelve years at Norfolk House. Organized 1889. Library in Lettish language.

Lettish National League: interest in new Latvian Republic.

Lettish American Citizens' Association: civic and social.

Roxbury Council, Boy Scouts of America and allied bodies, such as the Court of Honor, Cub Council, and House Troop Council.

Putnam Club: boys' organization, First Church in Roxbury.

St. Mark's Centre Gymnasium Class (negro): from St. Mark's Church, Townsend Street, Roxbury.

OTHER SOCIETIES MEETING ON OCCASIONS

Roxbury Patriots' Day Association: responsible for city celebration in John Eliot Square on April 19 since 1919.

Boston Swimming Association: athletic organization for girls.

International Marathoners Club, New England Division.

Roxbury Historical Society, headquarters at Roxbury Court House.

Esthonian Society: social club.

Roxbury Neighborhood Council: one of four committees in Boston, under Massachusetts Child Council, devoted to prevention of delinquency.

Progressive Club: civic.

Mooney Club: social and athletic organization.

Workingmen's Association: interested in good government.

Miscellaneous civic and athletic groups and committees; also various church societies: Catholic, Congregational, Lutheran and Unitarian.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Membership in Greater Boston Federation of Neighborhood Houses, National Federation of Settlements, Boston Council of Social Agencies and Boston Emergency Campaigns.

Affiliation with Roxbury Civic League and Improvement Society, New England Association Amateur Athletic Union, and various local and national associations for better homes, improved housing and social legislation.

LIBRARY

Reading Rooms open daily, except Sunday, 2-9 P.M. 11,000 volumes. Operated under a joint committee from Fellowes Athenaeum and Norfolk House Centre.

MISS CLARA A. CLARK, *Head Librarian*.

LETTISH WORK

The North American Civic League for Immigrants, since 1922, has maintained an office at our Centre, in cooperation with our staff, offering Americanization service to Lettish and other racial groups.

PETER ROSE, *Secretary*.

LEGAL AID BUREAU

This department offers free legal advice to Roxbury clients under a member of the Board of Managers. Office hours Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 P.M., and on appointment with RUSSELL D. GREENE, *General Counsel*, 82 Devonshire St., Boston; Hubbard 0664. *Associate Counsellors*: HERBERT E. CUMMINGS, PAUL RECORD, GEORGE RICHMOND and CHARLES B. SPERBER.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Many activities in 1934 depended upon the generous service of our volunteers from Harvard, Boston University, Radcliffe, Emerson, Simmons, Garland, Wheelock, Sargent, Lesley, Teachers' College, Practical Arts High School, Conservatory of Music and elsewhere. Through the College E.R.A., additional students were recruited—a great help in these busy times. Our neighborhood provided active leaders, both young people and their elders. Members of clubs and churches added their help. And in our Sunday concerts many young artists gave graciously of their talent.

GIFTS FROM CHURCH SOCIETIES

During the year 1934, apart from Emergency Campaign allotments, we received gifts for our work directly from 96 Unitarian Church Societies and Alliances. By arrangement with the Campaign officials, we request that all Church and Alliance gifts in 1935 again be sent to our address, *not* to Campaign headquarters, as such donations are credited over and above Campaign quotas to us.

WORD OF APPRECIATION

To all our volunteers we express heartfelt gratitude; also to our junior residents, who have given unsparingly of time and interest in many tasks.

We wish also to thank the Unitarian Churches and Alliances for financial aid; the Junior League, Wellesley College Christian Association, and Junior Red Cross for gifts of children's toys at Christmas; the Red Cross for class instruction; many committees and social service bodies for unending cooperation; and many friends for furniture and supplies. And to our donors of many years' standing, and our "unknown givers" in the Campaign of 1934, we express our gratitude that we could complete our Jubilee year, with even greater attainment than we had anticipated. *We ask your support of the Campaign of 1935.*

MEMBERSHIP

Over 2,100 enrolled in classes, clubs and affiliated neighborhood organizations.

500 children served in our three playgrounds during the summer months.

100 children placed in summer camps.

600 members organized in gymnasium classes, park recreation and out-of-door pursuits such as hikes, outings and athletic events.

250 Scouts given adequate club-room facilities and encouragement.

1,000 members given practical courses in the arts.

130 groups provided leadership during a 12 month season.

100 volunteers assigned groups under supervision.

Over 10,000 persons enrolled in the Norfolk House Centre Library, branch of Fellowes Athenaeum (endowed).

CALENDAR OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR 1934

Jan. 11	Lettish National League Reunion.
Jan. 17	Annual Meeting of Norfolk House Centre.
Jan. 22	Men's Club Mid-Winter Smoker.
Jan. 24	Girls' Federation "Co-ed" Party.
Jan. 29	Cub Scout Parents' Night.
Jan. 30	DeNormandie Club House Benefit.
Feb. 1	Jeffersonian Club Welcomed to Centre.
Feb. 10	President Roosevelt Scout Broadcast Assembly.
Feb. 11	Inter-settlement Girls' League Tea.
Feb. 18	First Sunday Concert of Anniversary Year.
Feb. 22	Annual Neighbors' Washington's Birthday Festival.
Mar. 7	Play by Wednesday Women's Group.
Mar. 10	Estonian Club Reunion.
Mar. 12	Roxbury Civic League Meeting.
Mar. 13	Dress Rehearsal, All Saints' Parish Show.
Mar. 14	Participation in "Campaign Carnival."
Mar. 23	Inter-settlement Exhibit, Mass. School of Art.
Apr. 4	Players' Night.
Apr. 9	Cub Scout Training Course Opened.
Apr. 14	Lettish-American Citizens' Association.
Apr. 15	Basketball Trip to University Settlement, New York.
Apr. 16	Marionette Show for Parents.
Apr. 19	Patriots' Day Celebration; Novice Road Race.
Apr. 24	Sea Scout Parents' Night.
Apr. 26	Annual Class Exhibition.
May 3	Progressive Club Organized.
May 7	Mothers' Club Whist.
May 9	"Better Homes" Night.
May 14	Girls' Playground Opened.
May 21	E.R.A. Concert, Eliot Square.
May 22	DeNormandie Club Banquet.
June 4	Formal Dance, Girls' Federation.
June 16	Kenilworth Club Fifteenth Annual Reunion.
June 17	NYMA Track and Field Meet, Fens Stadium.
June 30	"Knot-Hole" Gang in Operation.
July 2	Camp Season Begins.
July 9	NYMA Moonlight Sail.
July 23	Boys' Outing to Wenham.
July 25	E.R.A. Dramatic Class Started.
Aug. 20	Boys' Outing to Plymouth.
Aug. 22	Radio Club Established.
Sept. 5	Mothers' Club Outing.
Sept. 20	Ward 9, Precinct 13, Primary Elections.
Sept. 27	Roxbury Red Cross Organizes Roll Call.
Oct. 8	Registration for Classes.
Oct. 18	First Roxbury Court of Honor.
Oct. 19	Centre Street Dramatic Club House-Benefit.
Nov. 1	Meeting in Interests of Dillaway House.
Nov. 3	First Saturday Movies for Children.
Nov. 13	First Meeting, Roxbury Neighborhood Council.
Nov. 21	"NYMA" 10th Anniversary Reunion, Chamber of Commerce.
Nov. 22	All Saints Church Supper.
Nov. 24	N. E. A. A. A. U. 15 Kilometre Championship Run.
Dec. 10	Neighbors' Christmas Fund Benefit.
Dec. 12	Junior Women-in-Council Rehearsal.
Dec. 18	First of Eight Christmas Parties for 1,400 Children.
Dec. 18	Roxbury Historical Society Meeting.
Dec. 28	Rover Scout "Roundup" in Gymnasium.

CORPORATION OF NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

1935

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1883—1936

Norfolk House Centre

Feb. 7, 1936

ANNUAL REPORT

NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

FOR THE YEAR 1935



NEIGHBORHOOD AND CITY

NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE has completed fifty-two years of service to its neighborhood. Like all Settlements, its primary concern is local. It seeks to promote a richer life and a better citizenship among its neighbors, through friendly co-operation with them. Beset by constant changes in population, this task requires experiment and adaptation, a most engrossing life for residents and associated workers. To avoid the danger of becoming too provincial, our Greater Boston Settlements have for years united their forces in a Federation of Neighborhood Houses through which all efforts are unified, with a single approach to the problems of city life in congested areas. To these affiliations, our workers add their intimate association with professional groups, representative of all social work, so that every interest reported in this brief summary is in reality a part of a *great city effort* sympathetically concerned with the education, the health, the security and the happiness of our citizens, young and old alike.

ADULT EDUCATION

During years of enforced unemployment, the constructive use of leisure has been a challenge to us. To retain individual morale, to inspire joy in meager living, and by ingenious devices to help our neighbors to equip themselves for the days ahead, we have greatly expanded our efforts among adults. We make no apology for our traditional work with children, but we wish all to understand that no Settlement to-day restricts itself to youth. A recent group of visitors expressed surprise at the numbers of older people in our various club rooms.

Let none be unaware of the rich significance which our centres have achieved among many to whom a more formal

education has been denied. Here is a type of culture which needs an appreciative evaluation. No estimate can be made of its indirect influence on normal home life. It promotes friendly association in a desert of isolation. It builds hobbies, creates vocations. Occasionally it shoots off sparks of genius.

The following interests have had encouragement in our program thus far, at times with gratifying success:

Community Dramatics	Orchestra	Crochetting
Stagecraft	Rhythmic Dancing	Home Nursing
Marionettes	Block Printing	Home Decoration
Public Speaking	Metal Work	Cookery
Debating	Leather Work	Short Wave Radio
Drawing and Painting	Dressmaking	Job Counselling
Modelling	Embroidery	Job Training
Choral Singing	Knitting	Toy Repairing

In recent months, classes sponsored as projects by the Federal Government have worked in close association with our own groups.

ADULT RECREATION

It is difficult to know, in our busy and happy household, where recreation leaves off and education begins. There is merely an imaginary demarcation, for all efforts in the arts and crafts are *re-creative* and exhilarating. The following recreational activities, however, are to be reported separately as flourishing among our adult members and allied associations, arranged in season or as occasion permits:

Dances	Parties
Game Rooms	Festivals
Athletics	Holiday Celebrations
Outings	Lectures
Entertainments	Concerts

SENIOR CLUBS

Club organization permits of cultural training and social pleasures far beyond the connotations of by-laws, parliamentary rules and formal meetings. No program of adult education is complete without this interesting species of human associa-

tion. A Settlement club is probably the most distinctive thing we have. Classes and socials could go, but we would still have a Settlement program in these indigenous groups. They are the nuclei of democracy. And the fact that we all have them, and cannot be rid of them if we wish, proves more than anything else the inevitability of Settlement work in our teeming neighborhoods. Also this fact demonstrates that humanity, as we see it, is incurably democratic, which is the hopeful thing to which Settlements cling despite all the disintegrating forces at work in our city populations.

Among our many ventures, a Settlement club is the easiest thing to start, the most despairing thing to manage and the hardest to kill. It is readily organized because, from youth up, our neighbors crave this type of kindred association. It is confusing to manage, because of its struggle for leadership from within. Imported leadership must learn not really to manage, but skilfully to direct. That the club withstands even virulent pests is tribute to its virility!

All of which is but preface to this report that our clubs are real factors in our house, offering tremendous satisfactions to their members, being educative in social adjustment and leadership, and, not the least, becoming the strongest social force to offset incipient dictatorship or gangdom. A club, particularly among boys, may be essentially a gang, with its poison removed. It can become an index to its community. In fact, the genuine clubs of a district come near to *being* the community. Again we assert that in this field we sense the heartbeats of a Settlement, as existing primarily for the promotion of democratic groups.

Among the established clubs which we have sponsored, we mention the Mothers' Club (1906), the DeNormandie Women's Club (1924), the Wednesday Group, the Cub Mothers' Auxiliary, the Radio Club, the Rover Crew and the N.Y.M.A. Past Presidents' Club.

ASSOCIATIONS IN THE PICTURE

Two kinds of associations, closely akin to our senior clubs, are represented in our roster, one under house management, the other operating in affiliation with us.

Among the former: Norfolk Young Men's Association (1924), open to young men over 17, assigned permanent club rooms; interested in athletics, music, debating and civic effort. Also, Norfolk Young Ladies' Association, similarly organized.

Among the latter: Lettish National League, Lettish Benefit Society (1889), Lettish American Citizens' Association, Jeffersonian Club, Putnam Club, Roxbury Patriots' Day Association.

The house frequently extends its hospitality to the Roxbury Historical Society and miscellaneous civic groups and church societies.

NUMEROUS JUNIOR CLUBS

Boys' and Girls' Clubs are directed by volunteers under staff guidance. Phillips Brooks House has been unusually helpful this past year. Other college leaders have been augmented by National Youth Administration students, and more recently by a non-student group under a Project organized by the Boys' Work and Girls' Work Conferences of Boston.

NORFOLK HOUSE A SCOUT CENTRE

Upon insistent demand from the district, the Centre has assigned four large rooms (7,000 sq. ft.) for Roxbury Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cubs, Sea Scouts and Rovers. These facilities are shared with the Roxbury District Committee for its meetings and Court of Honor. The hall and gymnasium are occasionally used for demonstrations, rallies, conferences and socials. These provisions accommodate over 500 Scout enthusiasts. Youth training in Roxbury receives remarkable impetus from such joint enterprises.

One of the romantic features of this work is the new Cub program for which Norfolk House Centre has achieved national recognition. Crafts and nature lore are introduced into the training. A booklet entitled "Mixies," by W. H. Reed, is now being sold at twenty-five cents to further this work.

A way was opened to send six Scouts to the Jamboree last August. On the cancellation of this gigantic gathering of boys, our delegation was sent to Camp Child, Manomet, and later to the White Mountains.

BOOKS AND PICTURES

From a reading corner upstairs, our street-floor library, branch of the Fellowes Athenaeum, has grown in twenty years to a community centre in itself, with its senior and juvenile rooms, reference books for pupils, pictures for the kiddies — over 11,000 books, and 10,000 Roxburyites on the rolls. And it's just a step up to a new world of opportunity in class and club. "Free Parking" for school books, rubbers, even lollypops from 3:30 to 5:30 P. M., under the librarian's desk! Just show evidence of interest!

MARIONETTE THEATRE

One of the new things to claim this interest is the Marionette Theatre, permanently installed, with lighting, properties and puppets, the handwork of the children and the senior class. For three years or more Norfolk House Marionettes have entranced junior audiences all over Boston. Now, when they play at home, it will be back of their own foot-lights. No more collapsible stages except on the road!

BUREAU OF LEGAL AID

It's a long jump from puppets to law, but on the same floor — that's a Settlement for you — is the Legal Aid Bureau, now in its fourth year of sorting out tangles. "Not so different after all," says one of the little puppeteers!

A staff of lawyers, contributing their services, give advice, where needed, four periods each week, Monday, Wednesday

and Friday at 3 P. M. and Wednesday at 7 P. M. We are reminded of a service, not unlike this, at Toynbee Hall, White-chapel, London. We certainly have an orthodox precedent.

LETTISH WORK

For twelve years the Lettish people of Boston have found hospitable quarters at Norfolk House. A Lettish Worker, representing the North American Civic League for Immigrants, has his office here and serves this racial group. We are indebted to the Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Inc., for sponsoring this case and group-work service.

MUSIC

Instruction in piano and violin is offered privately. Our children's chorus, last May, enjoyed participation in Boston's first Children's Community Festival. WPA has brought new choral and orchestra groups to the Centre. As ever, community singing is a frequent interlude amidst club activities.

WHAT BOSTON OFFERS

Many never know how restricted neighborhood life becomes in our poorer districts. We attempt to take isolated persons, especially children, "out of themselves," by providing contacts with life as others live it. These are a few examples, selected from last year's calendar: trips to Children's Museum, art centres, theatres and historic places. We also arrange outside participation in plays, exhibits, pageants and tournaments.

A SETTLEMENT CHRISTMAS

Fourteen parties at Christmas! Ten days of festivity, made possible by our Neighborhood Holiday Committee, who raise money; the Wellesley Christian Association, the Junior Red Cross, the Brush Hill School and various churches and clubs which send toys. Then our own NYMA Toy Shop which collects and renovates toys for Santa's trip about Roxbury. Boston papers recently carried feature stories of this unique work by our young men.

CAMPING, PERHAPS A CAMP!

Over 100 children were sent to fresh air camps last Summer, through the co-operation of Country Week, the Y.M.C.A., Scoutland, Prendergast Preventorium and other agencies.

A fund (\$1,619.65) was started last June, to equip a small Norfolk House Centre camp. Before the effort can be consummated, the fund needs to be substantially increased. Gifts to this much desired extension of our equipment are approved, as Capital Investment, by the Community Federation of Boston.

CHILDREN'S GARDENING

In the days of South End Industrial School, which became Norfolk House Centre in 1914, we were pioneers in community gardening. Again this year we had our class, now a part of Boston School Gardening, and again our children excelled at the Horticultural Society show.

SUMMER WORK

For years Summer Work has been fostered by a special committee of our Board. With our unusually adequate grounds, we are equipped to make play a feature of the warm months. We have a children's playground accommodating 175; also a boys' game area, with swings, handball court and two playground ball diamonds. Then, too, a near-by corner area provides free play space for small tots. We extended our playground season last year over a period from May to November with the help of ERA teachers.

This recreation was supplemented by baseball in the parks, Knot Hole Gang trips to Braves Field and day picnics to the country.

FRUITS AND FLOWERS

Not so far afield from children's gardening is the distribution of garden products to shut-ins during the Summer. These gifts come to the Fruit and Flower Mission by train from

neighboring towns each Tuesday, and our allotment brings cheer to many whom we visit.

KINDERGARTEN

During the autumn a special ERA nursery class was operated for a limited time.

The Wheelock School continues its experimental pre-school class with a graduate teacher and student assistants.

The house maintains a Saturday Kindergarten for children attending school kindergartens during the week.

SOME VENTURES IN SOCIAL ACTION

During the entire year the Roxbury Law Enforcement Committee, organized at Norfolk House in November, 1934, has conferred. Clerical and lay co-operation has attempted to cope with liquor licenses and enforcement in the district.

Another Committee called the Roxbury Child Welfare Council has been working toward prevention of delinquency, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Child Council. It expects soon to have the co-operation of investigators and leaders under a WPA Project.

CHURCHES AND ALLIANCES

Although Norfolk House Centre is now maintained in major part by funds raised jointly with 100 agencies through the Community Federation of Boston, the traditional support of Unitarian Churches is retained in the upkeep of the playground, also for instruction in the dressmaking and music departments, and the junior sewing, cooking, carpentry, modeling, Little Housekeepers and Saturday Kindergarten classes.

The gifts of these churches is applied directly to the work they have so long supported. Eighty-two societies contributed this past year a total of \$1,823.75. The Board of Managers expresses its gratification in the loyal and devoted service so rendered, often at no little sacrifice.

A BIT OF STATISTICS

Our best friends often do not appreciate the scope and size of our enterprise. We serve an enormous district. There are probably 10,000 families 'round about us. A great many of these families have some occasional association with us, through our many departments. Among those who more actively associate themselves with us, we glean the following approximate figures:

Winter

2,100 in groups
130 group meetings a week
120 volunteer leaders and assistants

Summer

500 in playgrounds
100 in camps
600 in other outdoor activities

Year Round

Library: 10,000 enrolled

AND AGAIN, AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

So many co-operate to make Norfolk House a great Centre that we do not know where to begin and where to end. There are the neighbors, first of all. Also the colleges, the churches, the women's clubs, the Red Cross and other agencies. Then, of course, our donors who designate their gifts through the Community Federation, and more recently, the Federal Administration. And finally the "Unknown Giver," who gives to the Community Fund as such. We may pass him 100 times a day and not know it.

But to all we again say, Thank you. Thank you on behalf of our Corporation — and especially little Joe and Mary and Tony, who love this old Centre. If you could only ask them! And also on behalf of mother and dad, who don't say much, but think a lot!

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NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

FOR THE YEAR 1935

CURRENT RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1935.....	\$ 1,127.50
Income:	
Norfolk House Centre (dues, fees, etc.).....	\$ 3,447.31
Investments (including DeNormandie Fund and other Funds)	1,739.66
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	5,186.97
Legacy (unrestricted): Estate of Clara Hersey.....	500.00
Donations:	
Boston Emergency Campaign of 1935.....	\$12,120.00
Boston Emergency Campaign of 1934 (balance).....	508.66
Committee of Permanent Charity Fund, Incorporated:	
For General Work.....	1,500.00
For Lettish Work* (independent account).....	1,000.00
Anonymous* (special gift).....	2,500.00
Subscribers (reported to Campaign of 1935).....	1,005.00
Church Societies* (independent account for Classes and Summer Work).....	1,823.75
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	20,457.41
Amount drawn from Reserves to cover deficit.....	652.79
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	\$27,924.67

CURRENT DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$14,379.60
Clubs, Classes and Summer Work.....	2,073.79
Fuel	2,311.87
Household Expenses.....	1,234.08
Dormitory Account.....	1,104.21
Electricity	1,274.20
Gas	270.10
Printing and Stationery.....	336.83
Telephone	499.10
Insurance	752.75
Water Rates.....	318.50
Interest on Loans.....	358.44
Conference Expenses and Dues.....	185.30
Lettish Work (independent account).....	1,000.00
Repairs	1,388.64
New Heating Plant (balance).....	399.50
Miscellaneous Accounts.....	37.76
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	\$27,924.67

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Securities, December 31, 1935: Cash in banks, including interest for 1935, \$1,896.42; bonds and stocks, market value \$45,303.42; book value \$57,884.58. These Reserves include Fiftieth Anniversary Fund balance of \$985.93 and Camp Fund of \$1,619.65. An outstanding loan was reduced from \$9,000 to \$7,500 during 1935 by transfer of \$1,500 from Fiftieth Anniversary Fund of \$2,485.93. \$141.50 additional gifts during the year brought the Fund to this total.

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*Not applied on quota of Campaign of 1935.

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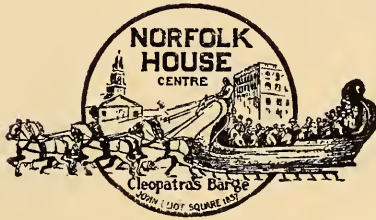
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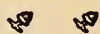
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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES



CLASSES

Kindergarten: Pre-School class daily; special class Saturday mornings. Wheelock School teachers.

Little Housekeepers: Homemaking instruction for small girls.

Domestic Science: Well-rounded courses for older girls and women.

Manual Arts: Toys and household furniture. Metal work, leather work and block printing.

Visual Arts: Drawing, painting and modelling for children and adults.

Dramatic Arts: Plays and entertainments, marionettes, stagecraft and make-up. Instruction in choric verse. All ages participate.

Needlework: Sewing, dressmaking, embroidery, knitting and crocheting; easy weave and tropical fibre, hooked rugs. All ages.

Music: Piano, violin and chorus. Government sponsored instruction in adult singing, stringed ensemble and piano.

Dancing: Rhythmic classes and folk dances for girls; assemblies for young people.

Gymnasium: Classes and indoor competitions for all members.

Home Nursing: Course for women under the Red Cross.

Home Decoration: Cooperation of Better Homes in America.

CLUBS AND RECREATION

Mothers' Club and DeNormandie Women's Club.

Norfolk Young Men's Association and Eon Club for past presidents of N. Y. M. A.

Norfolk Young Ladies' Association.

Junior N. Y. L. A.

Wednesday Group for Women. Child Study Group.

Many junior clubs under volunteer leaders.

Lettish Societies and various neighborhood organizations, civic, historical, social and athletic.

Scouts, Cubs, Rovers, Sea Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls.

Storytelling and play groups. Tournaments.

Men's WPA Game Room.

Fellowes Athenaeum Library and Reading Rooms for adults and juveniles. 11,000 volumes. Books in free circulation.

Summer program of playgrounds, outings, Knot Hole Gang, park athletics, long distance running events, camping, children's gardens, festivals, with arts and crafts available.

PERSONAL SERVICES

Legal Aid Bureau, open three periods a week, under a voluntary staff of attorneys. Free legal counsel to neighbors.

Child Welfare Council, a cooperative effort of neighborhood social workers, parents and group teachers, WPA full-time staff cooperating.

Lettish Bureau, North American Civic League, giving advice and personal service to Lettish families in Greater Boston.

Fruit and Flower Mission distribution in July and August.

Home visiting; advice on case-work services of the city. Health instruction, First Aid classes, medical supervision.

OCCASIONAL EVENTS

Patriots' Day observances; 3-mile novice road race.

Frequent concerts, socials, hikes, trips to Museums and historic places, attendance at plays.

Debating, declamation contests, discussion groups, lectures, motion pictures, short-wave radio experimentation.

Neighborhood Christmas benefit for children.

N. Y. M. A. Toy Shop in December.

Cooperation in local civic improvement.

Cooperation with United Settlements of Greater Boston, Boston Council of Social Agencies, Boys' Work Conference, Girls' Work Conference, and other Boston agencies and committees.

GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

WPA instructors participate in both junior and adult education at the Centre, conducting their own groups in arts, crafts, music, dramatics, discussions and games. NYA workers assist in all departments.

CHURCH SOCIETIES

More than 80 New England Unitarian Church Societies cooperate actively in the maintenance of classes and summer work.

MEMBERSHIP

Over 5,000 neighbors, young and old, make use of the Centre. Many volunteers supplement the staff of workers. 200 leaders are given assignments during the busy season.

IN APPRECIATION

The Board of Managers thanks all workers and all who contribute through the Community Fund, through our clubs and cooperating societies, or in any other way.

COMMUNITY FUND CAMPAIGN

We bespeak a generous and active response to the annual Campaign of the Community Federation of Greater Boston.

ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S STATEMENT

NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

FOR THE YEAR 1936

(Itemized according to Budget System of Community Federation)

CURRENT RECEIPTS

Income from Investments.....	\$ 1,744.57	
Donations from Campaign.....	15,910.45	
Direct Contributions.....	289.00	
Trust Fund Donations.....	6,000.00	
Gifts from Church Societies.....	1,717.42	
Receipts from Beneficiaries.....	3,649.16	
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		\$29,310.60
Drawn from Reserves (a/c 1936 deficit).....		218.15
Drawn from Special Fund (a/c 1936 deficit).....		740.00
Gift received and forwarded to Federation.....		100.00
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		\$30,368.75

CURRENT EXPENSES

Salaries and Wages.....	\$17,438.15	
Office Supplies and Expenses.....	456.64	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	610.99	
Conference Expenses	117.90	
Publicity	197.88	
Interest on Loans.....	305.91	
Payments of Dues to Organizations.....	270.00	
Insurance	610.50	
Light, Heat, Water and Gas.....	4,193.35	
Repairs and Replacements.....	1,902.32	
Transportation	2.65	
Supplies (institution).....	1,022.65	
Supplies (club and class).....	476.04	
Lettish Work (special account).....	1,000.00	
Camp	264.79	
Miscellaneous	36.73	
Payment to Reserves (a/c 1935 deficit).....	622.25	
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		\$29,528.75
Gift forwarded to Community Federation.....		100.00
Trust Fund Donation credited to 1937 account.....		740.00
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		\$30,368.75

RESERVES AND CAPITAL FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 1936

Camp Fund Reserve \$1,769.65 (increased \$150 in 1936).

Emily Wilson legacy, December 31, 1936 (unrestricted), \$5,277.05.

Capital Funds in Savings Banks, \$1,924.82.

Securities: market value \$41,261; book value \$51,129.02, subject to bank loan of \$3,500 (reduced from \$7,500 in 1936).

ROBERT H. LOOMIS, *Treasurer*

(Detailed report furnished on request.)

CORPORATION OF NORFOLK HOUSE CENTRE

(Board of Managers, listed separately, are also members of this body)

Allen, Miss Eleanor W.
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DeNormandie, Mrs. Robert
DeNormandie, William
Dewey, Miss Lucy E.
Dexter, Dr. Robert C.
Dole, Mrs. Herbert E.
Donnelly, Mrs. John T.
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Eliot, Miss Abigail A.
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Eliot, Rev. Samuel A.
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Fenn, Rev. Dan H.
Field, Erlund
Frothingham, Mrs. Paul Revere
Gallagher, Mrs. Charles T.
Hanson, Jr., Rev. Miles
Harwood, Mrs. Robert W.
Hayden, Hon. Albert F.
Holmes, Rev. Frank O.
Homans, Miss Katharine
Homans, William P.
Homer, Mrs. Thomas J.
Hooper, Mrs. James R.
Hunneman, Miss Mary Ethel
Joy, Rev. C. R.
Johnson, Miss Elizabeth M.

Johnson, Mrs. L. H. H.
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Langmaid, Miss Bertha
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Pearse, Miss Alice W.
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Perkins, Rev. Palfrey
Perkins, Thomas N.
Permar, Mrs. Bryan S.
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